



CMALT Development Group

Introduction

CMALT is the Certified Membership scheme of the Association for Learning Technology (ALT). The CMALT Development Group (CDG) is a group of Certified Members of ALT who take an active role in the development of the scheme. Some of the activities the group engages in are CMALT webinars for candidates and assessors, sessions at ALT's annual conference ALT-C and the CMALT Community, a networking site hosted on CrowdVine.

The CDG was founded in 2010 as part of the long-term goal to involve Certified Members of ALT in the scheme to a greater degree and in order to facilitate the community to take a more active role in its development. More information about the group's activities and upcoming events will be publicised via the CMALT website <http://www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt>.

The CDG wishes to be inclusive and welcomes any contributions from interested parties including CMALT holders and prospective holders, employers of CMALT holders and any one else with a contribution to make. All our discussions and minutes will be available on the CrowdVine site at <http://cmalt-net.alt.ac.uk/>

Remit

The remit of the CDG is centred around the following activities:

- playing an active role in the CMALT Community on CrowdVine;
- contributing to webinars (for candidates, assessors and the community);
- playing a part in CMALT-related activities at the ALT Conference;
- resolving occasional differences of view between assessors relating to individual CMALT portfolios;
- contributing to the long term development of CMALT.

CDG Members

Kirsten Thompson

University of Leeds

Kirsten is a member of the Staff and Departmental Development Unit Learning and Teaching Team at the University of Leeds. Her current focus is on staff development support for blended learning and the use of learning technologies. Kirsten holds a PGCE and is a practising teacher, contributing to the University of Leeds Teaching Award (ULTA2) and PG Cert Learning and Teaching in Higher Education. She is also currently a part-time MSc student at Sheffield Hallam University, and has a background in teaching in Further Education, having also worked as an Assistant Examiner and Coursework Moderator. Kirsten achieved CMALT in 2009 and has since been actively engaged in the scheme as an assessor and presenter at CMALT events, as well as supporting a group of colleagues throughout the certification process.

Kirsten is looking forward to seeing the CMALT community grow further as it sends a positive message to employers and institutions about the commitment CMALT Holders have to their professional development and the field of learning technology.

Dean Sheetz

Dubai Men's College

Dean Sheetz is on the faculty of the Business Department at Dubai Men's College in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He holds a BS in Mathematics and an MA in English and is currently a doctoral candidate with the Capella University School of Business. He has been a Certified Member of the Association for Learning Technology since 2008 and is active as a Lead Assessor for the CMALT scheme. As a practicing teacher in higher education he uses learning technology in the classroom.

Dean strongly believes that professional organizations have an obligation to provide ongoing professional development and credentialing for their members. He also feels that ALT has a role to play on the global stage, both as an organization and as the arbiter of the CMALT program.

Tom Franklin

Franklin Consulting

Tom achieved CMALT in 2006 and has since been a lead assessor. He has experience of the development of the scheme over the past 5 years and the way it has evolved in relation to ALT's broader activities. Tom's professional background is in Higher Education, the commercial and governmental sector. He currently works as a learning technology consultant.

Tom believes that CMALT has an important role to play in developing the profession of learning technologist and raising its profile within the educational community.

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