

A Constitution for ELESIG

Title

The title of the group shall be ELESIG (Evaluation of Learners' Experiences of e-learning Special Interest Group)

Mission

ELESIG exists in order to build capacity for undertaking evaluations and investigations of learners' experiences of using technology in education.

Aims and objectives

ELESIG is an international special interest group for those who are interested in funding, undertaking or using the findings from research into learners' experiences of technologies within an educational setting. ELESIG arose from higher education and seeks to support those in all education sectors. ELESIG strives to meet the needs of this community, to:

- communicate/stay in touch with what is going on in the field
- disseminate in an informal, friendly setting
- find out about advances in methodology
- gain feedback on own research projects from colleagues
- network with other researchers

Organisation

The Officers of ELESIG are: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Oversight of ELESIG's activities will be undertaken by an Organising Committee which consists of: the Officers, and other co-opted members e.g. representatives from each of the ELESIG Local Groups, administrator, and learning technologist.

The Organising Committee has the power to co-opt further additional members and to invite other persons to attend for special purposes.

Role of the Organising Committee

Officers are expected to attend all Organising Committee meetings and the AGM.

The Officers will lead the Organising Committee to:

- Provide a series of annual events for members (face to face and online) and a summer symposium
- Provide online spaces in which members can engage with each other through a variety of activities which encourage community development
- Publicise the activities of the community to a range of audiences including particularly researchers and managers.
- Develop, distribute and promote a shared repertoire of resources of value to community members and the sector more widely
- Communicate with members so we can be responsive to their needs.
- Represent the ELESIG community on national and international groups, and to establish and foster links with such groups.

- Support local groups
- Establish small working parties/subgroups as appropriate.

Election of Officers

The Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. A call for new members will be made two months before the AGM. Nominations shall be made in writing to reach the Secretary not less than two weeks before the date of the AGM. They shall be proposed and seconded by members of ELESIG, and countersigned by the nominee.

In the event of nominations exceeding the number of vacancies, an election ballot (online poll) shall be taken at the AGM.

If any post is not filled at an AGM, or becomes vacant during the year, the Organising Committee may fill the position by co-option until the next AGM.

Officers are elected for a term of one year. Existing officers may stand for Office for a further year in their existing or a different Office.

Alteration of the Constitution

This Constitution, or any part of it, may be altered by a special resolution of members present and voting, by simple majority, at the AGM.