



ALT-C 2009: Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition

The annual Learning & Teaching Competition (previously known as the Learning Object Competition) is again to be held in conjunction with this year's ALT-C conference in Manchester, 8-10 September. The panel of judges will be looking for exciting, innovative learning and teaching resources that have been created under a [Creative Commons](#) licence to showcase at the conference. Overall winners will be presented with their prizes at the ALT-C 2009 Conference Dinner on **Wednesday 9th September**. The competition is hosted by Jorum & sponsored by Intrallect.

If you create learning and teaching resources, either individually or as a team, you are eligible to enter. The criteria on which the resources will be judged, and details of how to enter, are listed below.

Closing date for entries is **3rd July 2009**. Prizes are £300 for the winner, with £200 and £100 for the second and third place entries.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The criteria against which resources will be judged are:

Appropriateness: What is the teaching/learning problem that your resource has been designed to solve and how does it achieve its objectives?

Engagement: What makes your resource something that teachers/students want to use? Does it offer something that other media can't?

Effectiveness: Is your resource an effective way for teachers/students to learn? How would you express that effectiveness?

Reusability: Digital learning objects are particularly valuable when they are reusable and reconfigurable. Many different aspects may be reusable including, structure, content or pedagogical approach also in terms of open access.

Note that the criteria are all about education and not about technology. Sometimes the most appropriate, engaging and effective learning and teaching resources are technologically simple.

However, sometimes technology allows approaches to teaching and learning that were previously unimagined.

HOW TO ENTER

For a simple guide on how to submit your entries please email:

louise.egan@manchester.ac.uk with **Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition** in the title.

- All entries will be made through the Jorum OER Deposit Tool (via Federated access), and must have been created under a Creative Commons Licence for Open Access.
- All entries must be titled: **Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition** and have appropriate metadata included.
- All entries should be submitted in a way that allows them to be portable and usable independently of their original development environment.

PRIZES

A shortlist of commended resources will be selected to be showcased at a special session at ALT-C. From this shortlist, three winners will be selected and will be awarded the following prizes:

1st prize: £300

2nd prize: £200

3rd prize: £100

The prizes will be awarded at the ALT-C 2009 Conference Dinner on **9th September**.

JUDGING PANEL

The panel of judges are:

Dr Jackie Carter, is the Mimas Learning & Teaching and Social Science Data Services Senior Manager. She also co-directs Jorum and is a member of the RLO-CETL Steering Group. She has interests in the application of technology across the educational landscape and in the skills agenda - particularly in spatial, statistical, data and digital literacy. Jackie manages the award winning Hairdressing Training for Mobiles Service. She has worked at Mimas for nearly 13 years and was previously a secondary school mathematics teacher.

Dawn Leeder, Reward and Development Manager RLO-CETL (Reusable Learning Object Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning) and Trustee and Central Executive Committee member of ALT. Dawn has been very involved in producing, sharing and evaluating high quality multimedia e-learning resources in the form of reusable learning objects.

Sarah Darley, Learning Technologist on the NHS funded MTS Programme and part of the Manchester Business School e-learning team. She is also a holder of CMALT. Previously Sarah worked at the University of Derby on a JISC-funded project which explored the opportunities for creating, sharing and reusing open learning resources. This project aimed to build upon the Open University's OpenLearn approach by extending it to other HEIs.

Laura Shaw, Senior Development Officer at Mimas is responsible for coordinating the teaching and learning services and projects. This currently includes Jorum and Hairdressing Training, an online training resource for education institutions across the UK. Laura has worked in e-learning for over 10 years in both HE and FE including as an Advisor at a JISC Regional Support Centre. Laura has considerable experience in supporting academics to design learning materials and is especially interested in how academics can benefit from the use of technology.

Rowin Young, is the Coordinator of the Assessment special interest group within CETIS, (Centre for Educational Technology and Interoperability Standards). She has managed and participated in a number of assessment-related projects, and has particular interests in metadata and item banking, online identities, and gaming.

ELIGIBILITY

1. This competition is open to everyone within the UK. While it is expected that most entries will be from the UK Higher and Further education communities, entries from other education sectors are welcomed. There are no restrictions on any previous entrants and we would warmly welcome submissions from previous participants.

2. Learning and teaching resources may be submitted by individuals or teams (in which each member should be named). No individual may be named as the creator on more than three submitted resources.

3. All learning and teaching resources submitted to the competition should be uploaded via the Jorum OER Deposit Tool, have a Creative Commons licence attached and appropriate metadata included to aid the judging process. Any resource which cannot be moved from its existing location will have to have appropriate metadata documented on submission when linking to the location of the resource.

4. For those who wish to enter and do not access online resources and services via Federated Access (<http://www.ukfederation.org.uk/>), should contact louise.egan@manchester.ac.uk for details on how to enter.

5. All entries should be in English.

6. It is expected that for all shortlisted entries, a member of the creating team will attend the ALT-C conference in Manchester to demonstrate the learning and teaching resource during the showcase event. All winners will be awarded prizes at the Conference dinner on the 9th September.

7. The judges' decision shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered into, other than queries relating to submission of entries. These should be directed in the

first instance to louise.egan@manchester.ac.uk with **Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition** as the subject line.

TIMETABLE

Closing date for entries: **3rd July 2009**

Shortlist of winners announced: **31st July 2009**

Winner and runners up announced at ALT C: **9th Sept 2009**