



ALPS shortlisted for two prestigious learning awards

Assessment and Learning in Practice Settings (ALPS) has been recognised by not one, but two major Awards, and has been selected as a finalist for two specific learning accolades. The E-Learning Awards, organised and presented by e.learning age have shortlisted ALPS and commercial partner MyKnowledgeMap in the category of 'Best Use of Mobile Learning', while ALPS has also been selected as an Innovation finalist in the Tertiary, Further and Higher Education Category of this years Handheld Learning Awards for Innovation.

The Handheld Learning Awards for Innovation are being held in London on 5th October during the Handheld Learning Conference. Attended by more than 1,500 international delegates, the Conference is the world's leading event about learning assisted by mobile technologies.

ALPS has enhanced learning and assessment for hundreds of health and social care students on work-based practice through the implementation of mobile technologies, and the programme is confident of winning votes for the positive impact ALPS has had when public SMS voting opens. To learn more about the Awards and to register your vote visit: <http://www.handheldlearning2009.com/awards>

The E-Learning Awards were introduced in 2005 and have more than trebled in size. In this their fifth year, the Awards have attracted a record number of entrants, with 152 organisations vying for a prize. The 'Best Use of Mobile Learning' is one of four brand new categories, and ALPS has beaten competition from some very successful and dynamic organisations to make the shortlist. The new award seeks to find examples of organisations using mobile technology to enhance learning opportunities whilst linking to organisational needs.

Along with the other finalists, ALPS will be required to present its work to a panel of independent judges with the winners being announced at the Awards ceremony in London on 12 November. Visit: <http://www.elearningage.co.uk/AWARDS.ASPX> to learn more about the E-Learning Awards.

Trish Walker, ALPS Programme Manager said, 'I am delighted that ALPS' achievements have been recognised by both the E-Learning Awards and the Handheld Learning Awards. Teaching and learning are at the centre of ALPS' work and its aim is to improve the experience of students, helping them to become competent and confident professionals. ALPS is pleased to be named a finalist at two such exciting and renowned events.'

Additional Notes

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Assessment and Learning in Practice Settings (ALPS) is a collaborative programme between five Higher Education Institutions with proven reputations for excellence in learning and teaching in health and social care: the University of Bradford, the University of Huddersfield, the University of Leeds (lead); Leeds Metropolitan University, and York St John University. There are 16 professions across the partnership from Audiology to Social Work, and a wide range of partners including Yorkshire and the Humber NHS, practice networks and professional bodies. ALPS has three commercial partners; MyKnowledgeMap, ecommnet and T-Mobile.

ALPS is one of the 74 Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs) funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) to promote excellence across all subjects and aspects of teaching and learning in higher education. Funding of £315 million over five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10 represents HEFCE's largest ever single funding initiative in teaching and learning.

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