

## **Using innovative technology in Blackboard**

I am a Solstice Fellow working in the Faculty of Education. Supporting both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, I am keen to integrate technology that effectively enhances both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. The presentation will be centred on two approaches utilised through Learning Edge (Black Board). These approaches and their practical benefits are:

- Using a combination of Panopto, PowerPoint and Office Mix to effectively highlight the present key module/course information
- Using Collaborate Ultra to further embed support for learners based both on and off campus

Whilst the input for my work is informed primarily by practice and my own experiences, it is also linked to my own doctoral work around blended learning including research connected to this area (for example: the findings of De George-Walker and Keefe's 2009 study on blended learning that strongly advocates an emphasis on a learner centred pedagogy- as opposed to teacher-centred).

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