



Skepsi Conference 2009 presents:

Speed Geeking

During this session participants will take part in a rotational activity where they will be exposed to a range of educational technologies which can be used to enhance entrepreneurship within the curriculum. Each rotation, which will be presented by a different staff member, will last 5 minutes, followed by 2 minutes for a question and answer session before moving onto the next presenter. At the conclusion of the session a panel format discussion will take place to answer any lingering questions, including an interactive audience vote for the most engaging technology.

Lineup of Topics and Weblinks:

Enda Tuomey - "Putting yourself on the map: interactive maps and Web 2.0"

Giving a location or a map has become much easier now with tools like Google Earth and Yahoo maps. This session will look briefly at some of the most popular mapping websites and demonstrate how you can put yourself (or at least your favourite place) on the map!

Mapjack: www.mapjack.com/ Google Earth: <http://earth.google.com/> Flashearth: www.flashearth.com

Wikimapia: www.wikimapia.org Yahoo Maps: <http://maps.yahoo.com/> Mapskip www.mapskip.com

Panoramio: www.panoramio.com/map/#lt=24.476431&ln=54.37051&z=4&k=2&a=1

Google Maps for your Phone: www.google.com/mobile/default/maps.html

Helen Weston - "Have you been Smuggled, Swirled, Bojammed or Plurked lately?"

Go2web20 is an ever expanding directory of web 2.0 applications. An enterprising way to remain at the cutting edge of social networking opportunities.

www.go2web20.net/ www.ideawicket.com/ <http://klok.mcgraphix.com/> www.etsy.com/

John Price - "e-Readers: the new reading revolution"

The new generation e-readers are great for people on the go. Now you can take along as many books, magazines, newspapers and articles as you like, on a device which is small and light as a single book.

No discerning entrepreneur should be without one! MobileRead Wiki - Find all the information you need to know about e-readers, e-books and e-publishing at http://wiki.mobilerread.com/wiki/Main_Page

Mark Vevers - "BrowseAloud"

Any innovative and sustainable Web 2.0 enterprise will need to connect with as many potential clients as possible. BrowseAloud is a free plug-in which reads webpages and will greatly increase the number of people who can access the content on your site.

www.browsealoud.com/

Dr. Peter Heath - "Sync or Swim with your Nokia mobile"

Your email calendar says you are meeting John Doe (050 344 6657) at 14:30 for coffee. Your mobile calendar says you are interviewing Jane Deo (055 334 6577) at 14:15. Uh oh. Don't get sunk, get sync'd!

www.nokia.ae/get-support-and-software-en

Peter Waters - "Quick and easy forms with Google Docs"

Google Forms can be used for data or survey collection. Forms can be embedded into web pages, sent as links, or compiled in a spreadsheet and the 'live' results can be edited, saved, shared, or exported.

www.docs.google.com/



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Lineup of Geeks:

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Enda Tuomey etuomey@hct.ac.ae teaches English in Abu Dhabi Men's College and supports faculty with Ed Tech. He has worked in Ireland, Zimbabwe and Saudi Arabia. When not speed geeking, he geeks slowly, plays keyboards, travels, and eats.

Helen Weston hweston@hct.ac.ae is a Librarian at Abu Dhabi Men's College. She is the co-coordinator of the Information Literacy Program for the College.

John Price jprice@hct.ac.ae teaches in the Aviation program at Abu Dhabi Men's College. John has been heavily involved in the college's implementation of E-learning for many years and has worked extensively with other staff from all areas of the college to support them in their usage of E-learning and other educational technologies in the classroom

Mark Vevers mvevers@hct.ac.ae has worked for the Higher Colleges of Technology since 1998 as a teacher of English at Abu Dhabi Men's College. He is interested in how technology can help develop ESL students' critical thinking skills. He is currently completing an M.Ed in Online and Distance Learning with the Open University in the UK.

Dr. Peter Heath pheath@hct.ac.ae has far too many math degrees to be useful, but he has been playing around with E-learning since the early 90s. For money, Peter teaches networking and operating systems. He lives in Abu Dhabi, with his wife, 3 kids and 1.5 dogs.

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