

Personalised Education Now

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Dear Member

We would like to wish you a Happy 2006 and hope that it has started well. We certainly hope that *Personalised Education Now* will not experience a shock of the kind we received in November when Peter was told that he had had a heart attack! Those of you who know Peter personally will know him to be youthful, slim, fit, non-smoker, healthy-eater – his surgeon told him that he had been very unlucky! After undergoing a triple heart bypass in December, Peter has continued to make steady progress, so that by the time we held our first Trustees meeting of the year on 12th January, he was chairing the meeting in his usual efficient style.

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The new site is now up and running. Those of you who have already investigated it will have found it to be extensive. Peter apologises for not yet updating the site following his operation, but it's on his list. Similarly, he has yet to respond to the E-Briefings he received once the website was functioning. Apart from past papers on personalised learning, which are already on the site, new material will appear when this is generated. A calendar of events for the year will also be posted. We would be very interested to hear your views on the website. Putting it together was a marathon task for Peter, and the Trustees complimented him at their meeting. You are invited to participate in its development by,

- sending us your comments
- writing of your experiences of personalised learning and education
- signing up for e-briefings. <http://c.person.ed.gn.apc.org/Subscribe.php>

Research Project

A review of the book, *The Face of Home-Based Education (1): Who, Why, and How*, which covers the results of the first phase of the research project initiated by *The Centre for Personalised Education*, is enclosed. A second book covering the results of the next phase in the research is being written by Mike at this time and will be published by Educational Heretics Press later this year.

Next Learning Exchange – Sunday 2nd April '06 at Burleigh Community College, Thorpe Hill, Loughborough

We are fortunate in being able to return to Burleigh Community College again for this event. It is being held in the Community Lounge – a very comfortable venue we have been able to use in the past. Learning Exchanges have been crucial in furthering the ideas on personalised learning. Not only do they provide opportunities to hear first hand about the experiences of members, but also enable discussion on issues presented by speakers. As most members are aware, these events are free for members, their families and friends. We ask people to bring their own lunch but drinks are freely available throughout the day. Further details are to be found on the enclosed application form. On this occasion we hope to learn more about,

a. *TheCademy*, which aims to develop an expansion of its research project *notschool.net* – from its Director Jean Johnson. Notschool.net has been a project to re-engage excluded students in learning. It has had great success.

b. A research project on Independent Learning in a London Secondary School from Philip Toogood. Philip was the researcher for this project.

‘Personalisation and Digital Technologies’

Take a look at this new report and the Learner’s Charter for a personalised learning environment. **Personalised Education Now** was involved throughout this project supported by NESTA Futurelab, Demos, Becta and Toshiba. The charter sets out a range of potential entitlements for learners acting as a checklist for educators and a stimulus for debate around the impact of digital technologies. The report and charter are both available FREE from the NESTA Futurelab website. Hard copies are also available through NESTA Futurelab.

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Toddington Conferences

a. The conference held at the *Planned Environment Therapy Trust Centre in Gloucestershire* on 15th and 16th October, 2005, proved to be a most stimulating experience. We enjoyed a packed agenda which engaged us in exploring and developing ideas, viewing a film and DVDs, responding to an invitation to be taught Origami by Elysha aged 11 when were taught magnificently, exchanging experiences and PLAYING! The latter outside in some beautiful autumnal sunshine. For details of the themes for the weekend see the July Newsletter 2005.

b. It is hoped that we will be able to return to Toddington for another conference in October 2006. Further information will be included in the Journal and Summer Newsletter.

DVD on Personalised Learning

The application for a grant to develop a DVD on Personalised Learning has been delayed due to Peter’s heart attack, but this is now on track again with Alan and Philip taking the lead in applying for a grant.

Journal Articles, Newsletter copy, E-Briefing.

Personalised Education Now welcomes contributions from members, supporters and friends. Details of these and copy guidelines can be found below.

We would particularly welcome news from the various learning settings within our membership and support base (and beyond). As people get used to our website and E-Briefing presence this will become an effective avenue for keeping us all updated

Newsletters <http://c.person.ed.gn.apc.org/Newsletters.php>

Journal Articles <http://c.person.ed.gn.apc.org/Journals.php>

E-Briefing <http://c.person.ed.gn.apc.org/ContactUsSubPage.php> use the contact us form to share your news