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## **E-XPERIENCE! The Power Of E-Learning First Hand**

### ***e-Learning Foundation's Spring 2008 Conference Open For Registration***

The e-Learning Foundation's E-XPERIENCE! Spring Conference 2008 is taking a boot camp approach to e-learning, enabling delegates to interact with bedded down school projects and network with best-in-class practitioners.

The one day interactive conference will be held on 29 April 2008 at The Lowry, Salford Quays, Manchester. The keynote speaker for the event will be Phil Willis MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough, Chairman of the House of Commons Select Committee for Innovation, Universities and Skills and a Trustee of the e-Learning Foundation.

The conference has been designed as a series of interactive sessions run by best-in-class practitioners. Topics covered will include how to engage parents in providing home access to learning technologies, how pupils and their families have benefited from home access to the school's VLE, how handheld devices have been integrated into learning outside the classroom and how the support of teaching staff has been harness to maximize the impact of successful use of e-learning for home study.

"So often conferences end up being a day of power point presentations, which can be mind numbing," explained Valerie Thompson, Chief Executive of the e-Learning Foundation.

"Often with technology it is so much more beneficial to actually get ones hand dirty, which is why we've come up with this interactive approach which we believe will enable delegates to get some enviable experience of e-learning, whilst taking advantage of an incredible networking opportunity".

The event will also include an introductory session run by the e-Learning Foundation for schools new to the charity's equity model to achieve universal home access, and a briefing session for schools that use, or want to use, the Donation Management Service (for collecting parental donations). The features and benefits of the new system will be outlined, including improved reporting and on-line access to vital information.

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There will be an optional **pre-conference networking dinner** at the Lowry Restaurant, inside the gallery, on Monday 28th April at 7.30 pm.

The standard rate for a delegate place at the e-Learning Foundation's E-XPRIENCE! Spring Conference 2008 is £199. There is a special school rate of £149 and £99 for schools affiliated to the e-Learning Foundation. Prices are exclusive of VAT. Standard rates are applicable to commercial companies and all other organisations including charities and local authorities. To book a delegate place go to: [www.e-learningfoundation.com](http://www.e-learningfoundation.com) .

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**Editor's notes:**

## **About the e-Learning Foundation**

The e-Learning Foundation was launched in 2001, to ensure that every schoolchild in the UK should have home access to learning technologies when and where they want to learn.

The Foundation, a registered charity, aims to bridge the digital divide and ensure that all children, irrespective of their background, can have the same access to technology for learning at home as their better off peers. The estimated cost of this runs into £billions, so unlikely to be provided by Government alone.

The Foundation is funded through the public, private and third sector in the form of Government grants, commercial sponsorship, grants and donations.

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