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"'Education, education, education'. The Internet is liberating learners to be in touch with the most experienced and competent tutors in the world. We explore a combination of a virtual learning environment such as Moodle and a social networking site such as Facebook to create online courses that grow virally. Plus an update on the Bio-diesel network."

Our favourites

iBuy2Let.com - Amazing online accounting tool for landlords and agents.

quickfuel.co.uk - Remote fuel tank monitoring

farmfootprint.info - Carbon foot-printing for farms

quickhaul.co.uk - Work source for haulage companies

Featured Article**College social networks and the Zeitgeist**

Social networking websites (e.g. Facebook) take a naturally addictive side of human behaviour (socialising and networking) to create powerful, unmissable online communities.

We believe training and learning establishments can take advantage of this zeitgeist by implementing an online learning environment in the context of a social networking website.

When we first implemented Cheshire County Council's lifelong learning Moodle we put in place a learner portfolios section. The beginnings of learners being able to have their own profile, however, this was just a nod in the direction of recognising the power of developing online learning communities.

Now with the advance of Facebook et al, we are able to develop environments which are a direct application within the social networking site.

In an educational/training organisation, learners/trainees would simply install the VLE (virtual learning environment) application into their profile and would immediately start receiving resources, dates, media, course information etc, all within the context of a global recognised environment which is designed to market itself virally.

We are currently at the stage of testing and playing around with such ideas, but if anyone out there is interested in finding out more please feel free to contact us for a chat.

Self paced online learning content

With staff having teaching qualifications and educational experience, as well as the technical skills of an established software house we are able to develop the best in content for online and computer based learning environments.

We are looking into putting together packages for tutors/teachers to develop concepts for learning material which we then turn into working software resources; games, multimedia etc. Please contact us for more information.

Update on the Bio-diesel network

The Government is expected to remove duty from Bio-diesel in the next 5-6 months. This will bring Bio-diesel down from the Â£1 per litre mark to around 40p per litre. Most diesel vehicles will run on bio-diesel without any problem at all.

As talked about in our previous newsletter, we are looking to use our Quickfuel remote tank monitoring technology, combined with a simple franchise approach, to develop a grass-roots bio-diesel network using spare tank capacity in farms across the country. Get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Just a few of our current happenings, contact us if you know of any programming need (database systems, MS Office, web-systems).

Bye for now

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