

THE Gaggle invitation

Online learning environments
Networked learning approaches
Implications for the future of learning

Are you an e-learning practitioner?
Educational Designer? Or Developer?
Based in the ACT and surrounding region?



Thursday 4th February 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Where - At your desk or come and join us in Room A108 for light refreshments.

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Today's presentation: **"Trends in Personal Learning"** by Stephen Downes

Stephen Downes has long been a reliable forecaster of trends and events in online learning, making his mark in 1998 with the prescient 'Future of Online Learning' and in 2005 with 'e-Learning 2.0'. More recently, he authored the volume, 'The Future of Online Learning: Ten Years On'. Downes has also informed the development of online learning technologies with papers such as 'Learning Objects', 'Resource Profiles' and 'Learning Networks and Connective'.



Educators have been earning experience in social networks and other Web 2.0 technologies for several years now, and as e-learning 2.0 becomes more familiar it is beginning to transform into a more robust and personalized form. Newer and more powerful collaboration tools, such as Google Wave, are appearing. Individualized applications, such as the Personal Learning Environment, are appearing. Tomorrow's e-learning student can look forward to having a range of powerful tools at his or her fingertips. This presentation outlines trends in the development of these tools, and describes what an education system that uses them will look like.

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