

To all members of the Association for Learning Development in Higher Education (ALDinHE)

Dear Colleagues

Please find below a motion to be considered at the forthcoming AGM to be held at Bournemouth University on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009. This is an outline proposal for the activities and resources of the LearnHigher Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (see [www.learnhigher.ac.uk](http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk)) to be maintained and developed, as far as is possible, within ALDinHE from August 2010. This would ensure that the LearnHigher initiative is maintained by the learning development community from which it evolved. The proposal has the support of the Steering Groups of both LearnHigher and ALDinHE.

Discussions began in the autumn of 2008 and a joint working group produced a report (see [www.aldinhe.ac.uk](http://www.aldinhe.ac.uk) CWG.doc) setting out a framework for how LearnHigher could be supported under the auspices of ALDinHE. The minimum that this will involve is maintaining the LearnHigher website and 'brand' for its learning resources. The CETL and its activities are currently funded by HEFCE which will continue until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. The existing funding must be used, or committed to be spent by that date. New partnerships must therefore be sought to support future activities.

It has been agreed that £10 000 will be available to support the transfer of the LearnHigher website and associated activities, during the transition period. Beyond that it is proposed that a proportion of the ALDinHE institutional membership subscription will be reserved to maintain the site. This will imply a moderate increase in the fee to a level comparable with similar organisations.

Provided support and funding can be obtained, LearnHigher will seek to renew agreements with existing partners and negotiate with new UK partner HEIs. Such partnerships will be based upon memoranda of agreement outlining the level of support each HEI will provide. The extent of LearnHigher's future activities will depend upon its success in negotiating partnerships and bidding for funding from other sources in the HE sector. The nature of those activities will continue to be focused around the development of, evaluation and research into learning resources in Higher Education, but will also feed into the wider activities of ALDinHE such as publications and professional development.

We are therefore seeking your agreement to the following proposal:

**Motion to be proposed at the AGM of the Association for Learning Development in Higher Education (ALDinHE) to be held at the University of Bournemouth, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.**

- 1) This motion states the intention, in principle, that, as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010, the Association for Learning Development in Higher Education (ALDinHE) will incorporate LearnHigher and take responsibility for its

continued operation and development, on behalf of the members of the Association

- 2) For the period from April 2009 to April 2010, a LearnHigher Transition Group (LHTG) will be established to represent
  - a) all HEI partners who have memoranda of agreement with the Association
  - b) the Association's Steering Group
- 3) The LHTG will develop plans for how LearnHigher may operate in future, including undertaking a review of LearnHigher's aims and objectives; its day-to-day functioning and key aspects of its operation; the development of new partnerships and memoranda of agreement
- 4) The LHTG will report to the Association's Steering Group and any resulting proposals for continuing the work of LearnHigher will be presented to the membership of the Association at the AGM to be held at Nottingham Trent University in April 2010

Motion proposed by John Hilsdon, Chair of the Association

Seconded by Christine Keenan, Steering Group Member