

Magic with Moodle

Using the Moodle Forums

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Background

MSc Workplace Health & Wellbeing (I-WHO) (UK)

 Elearning distance course part-time (2 years) Welcome to the Workplace Health & Wellbeing Course Area



- Students are occupational health professionals
- 2 separate course areas on Moodle (Year1 & Year2)
- Duplicating resources
- Posting course announcements x2
- Fewer opportunities for networking!!

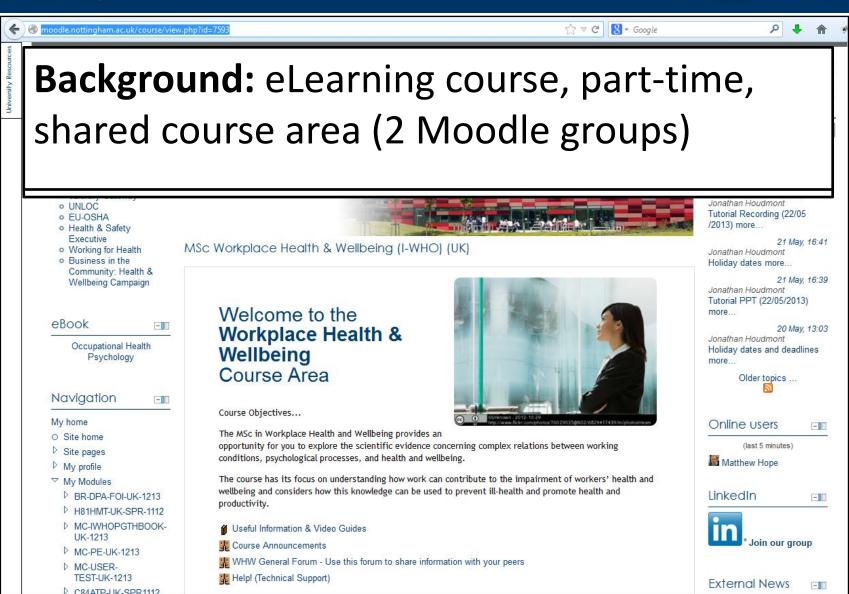


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Forums used for

- Communication
 - keeping students informed vs. email overload
- Foster an online community:
 - sharing professional experience
 - peer support & mentoring







What we did

- Signpost forums clearly, descriptions
- Tell students what they are for
- Forced subscription vs. Auto subscription
- Digest emails vs. individual emails
- Forum tracking (number of unread posts displayed)
- Sent different announcements to different groups

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News Forum with groups (Admin view)

Add a new topic

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Discussion	Started by		Group	Replies	Unread 🗸	Last post
Managing Cultural Diversity & H&S		Amanda Griffiths		0	0	Amanda Griffiths Thu, 30 May 2013, 05:43 PM
Tutorial Recording (22/05/2013)	3	Jonathan Houdmont		0	0	Jonathan Houdmont Wed, 22 May 2013, 07:48 PM
Holiday dates	(3)	Jonathan Houdmont		0	0	Jonathan Houdmont Tue, 21 May 2013, 04:41 PM
Tutorial PPT (22/05/2013)	3	Jonathan Houdmont		0	0	Jonathan Houdmont Tue, 21 May 2013, 04:39 PM
Holiday dates and deadlines		Jonathan Houdmont		0	0	Jonathan Houdmont Mon, 20 May 2013, 01:03 PM
Promote your professional profile on LinkedIn		Matthew Hope		0	0	Matthew Hope Fri, 17 May 2013, 04:23 PM

Link to course area



News, specific to each group, is displayed in the latest News Block





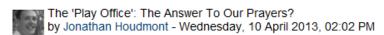
How it worked with students

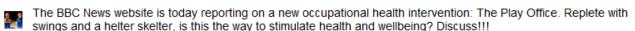
- Really important to tell them clearly what the forums are for (add a description)
 - E.g., they can't reply to News / Announcements forum
- Students said they wanted important emails immediately so Matthew advised them how to change their profile settings to Individual emails
- Students appreciated forum tracking so new posts are highlighted as soon as they go into the module (again need to set in module AND they need to set in profile)



Fostering online community

- Introductions and icebreakers
- Lecturer scaffolding
- Bringing in humour / encouraging discussion
- Encouraged to build your Moodle profile







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Jonathan

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Re: The 'Plav Office': The Answer To Our Prayers? by - Wednesday, 10 April 2013, 04:11 PM



Hi, just watched that video 'The Play Office'.....I loved it, thought it was a great idea to boost energy and offer a getaway from your desk. Also I thought what a great way of promoting not only wellbeing in workers but a sense of being valued and trusted to balance work with 'play breaks' a buge investment from the company!!

Is it working: Yes/No? Number of views?





Further information

How to achieve this

- Moodle Help Forums https://workspace.nottingham.ac.uk/display/Moodlehelp/Forums
- Moodle Bytes webinar recording: Moodle forums on the MSc Health and Wellbeing https://uni-of-nottingham.adobeconnect.com/p4c0c1kfeb2/
- Elearning community video (forthcoming)
- Matthew will answer any questions Matthew.Hope@Nottingham.ac.uk



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(or search Workspace for "Moodle help")