

Invitation to open conference on

## **Professional Development and Networked Learning**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Aalborg University, Rendsburggade 14, Aalborg

We are excited to invite you to an open one-day conference on professional development and networked learning. The aim of this open conference is to bring together researchers, practitioners as well as people from the industry to discuss challenges relating to professional development and networked learning. The day will feature keynotes and discussions on topics such as: How are Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) relevant in continuing education for professionals? How can we create online knowledge sharing networks amongst professionals, and how can we measure the impact of such networks?

For the day we have invited three international keynote speakers who will give 30 minutes' inspirational talks that each is followed by interactive and participant-driven sessions. Keynote speakers are:

- Vivien Hodgson, Lancaster University - *Networked learning in management and professional development*
- Maarten de Laat, University of Wollongong/Open University of the Netherlands - *Practice-based research and Value Creation in Professional development Networks*
- Allison Littlejohn, Open University UK - *MOOCs for continuing education and for professionals (working title)*

Each presentation is followed by a session, where we in smaller groups will discuss challenges presented by the keynotes speaker as well as challenges, you and other participants are facing in your work with networked learning for professional development.

During registration we will invite you to briefly describe a challenge or a question, you face in your work and practice. These challenges and questions will help us organise and shape the interactions in the thematic sessions.

A website with more information will be available in January 2017.

The conference is free of charge.

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	Programme
09.00-09.15	Opening of the Conference
09.15-09.45	Vivien Hodgson: <i>Networked learning in management and professional development</i>
09.45-10.30	Session I
10.30-11.00	Break
11.00-11.30	Maarten de Laat: <i>Practice-based research and Value Creation in Professional development Networks</i>
11.30-12.15	Session II
12.15-13.00	Lunch
13.00-13.30	Allison Littlejohn: <i>MOOCs for continuing education and for professionals</i>
13.30-14.15	Session III
14.15-14.45	Break
14.45-15.30	Reflections amongst participants – Panel discussion
15.30-15.45	Closing the conference

The conference is organised in collaboration between the research groups: *E-learning lab – center for user driven innovation, learning and design (ELL)*, Aalborg University & *Higher Education and E-Learning (HEEL)*, Mid Sweden University, Umeå University and Royal Institute of Technology (KTH).

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