



Biography :

Barbara Allan is a senior lecturer and Director of Learning and Teaching within the Business School. She was a University of Hull Teaching Fellow 2005-2007. In the past ten years, she has been involved in a wide range of national and regional e-learning and e-mentoring initiatives and she currently directs the EMPATHY-NETWORKS project, supported by ESF funding, which involves an innovative blended learning programme to encourage graduate women to gain employment in the logistics and supply chain industries. Barbara has written a number of publications including books on e-learning, project management and work-based learning. Working with Dina Lewis, she co-authored 'Virtual learning communities' (published by the Open University Press in 2005). Her latest book 'Blended Learning' will be published by Facet Publishing in the Autumn 2007. Barbara is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals.

Teaching :

Main areas include: E-learning; Management development; Academic and professional skills; and Research methods. Barbara teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students, and also management practitioners. In addition, she is regularly asked to run workshops and other events for information and knowledge management professionals.

Research :

Barbara's research interests include: E-learning and e-mentoring as a tool for professional development; Facilitating virtual learning communities; Use of ICT to promote learning and development. Since 2002 she has published articles in journals such as: Management Learning (awaiting publication); Library and Information Update; Legal Information Management; British Journal of Educational Technology; Journal of Workplace Learning; Information Management Report; and Training Journal.

Publication :

Selected Publications

Research publications (2002 onwards)

Allan, B. (2007) Time to learn? E-learners' experiences of time in virtual learning communities, *Management Learning*, 38 (5), December 2007.

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