

## A National Project Co-ordinators' Network

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CETL ALiC

- Active Learning in Computing is a consortium Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning: Durham (leader), Leeds, Leeds Met., Newcastle.
- It is one of very few discipline specific CETLs.
- It commenced April 2005 (to run 5 years) and pursues a number of projects.
- Just one of these is the study and improvement of "Project Practice".

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/alic>

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- Most departments have designated "project co-ordinators".
- These individuals experience few problems that haven't been seen or solved elsewhere.
- These individuals very often develop great ideas and commendable practice.
- We saw the merit of trying to network them, better to solve problems and share good ideas.

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- We launched this idea on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007. Finding good calendar dates proved difficult.
- We have a (growing) list of "members", and some firm expressions of interest.
- We have a Google Groups presence.
- We (Leeds, and the CETL) have no desire to "own" the activity

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## Common Ground ... computing

Projects come in many shapes and sizes, but usually:

- Are final year activity
- Are big ... >25% of a year
- Are individual work conducted under personal supervision
- Exhibit advanced practice in the chosen programme
- Generate a report (nearly always) and a software "product" (not always)
- Are centrally important to students, staff and employers

## Common Ground ... engineering

And so ...

### Next Meeting:

Third National Project Coordinators Network Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> August 09)  
Event: HEA ICS 10th Annual Conference  
Date: 25th August 2009 - 27th August 2009  
Location: University of Kent at Canterbury  
<http://www.ics.heacademy.ac.uk/events/10th-annual-conf/>