



I'm aware of this website service through the organisation I work for - UK online centres. When you read the information below, as the focus is adult learning, you might wonder what it has to do with BYBA. I'd suggest you think about this in a strategic sense, and consider where units might attract instructors who are prepared to give some free time as opposed to charge for it, units might be able to promote themselves via a local tutor, and there is also the opportunity of searching for spaces for meetings, rehearsals or workshops. Please read on.....

<http://schoolofeverything.com/>

A unique online service will soon be available for everyone involved in informal adult learning.

The School of Everything has been chosen by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills and Becta (the government learning technology agency) to provide an interactive web-based portal to help adults find local learning opportunities and self-organised groups find low cost space to meet. The portal will also provide a host of guidance and resources for both publicly funded providers and self-organised groups.

Organisations with an interest in promoting informal adult learning, such as adult education services, FE colleges, community groups and voluntary organisations, will be able to download a customisable 'search widget' from School of Everything onto their own websites. The widget will allow visitors to their site to search for local courses or activities and low cost spaces.

The School of Everything, launched in 2008, already has a successful website which is helping to bring together people who want to learn something with the teachers who can teach them. The new portal will build on the current site to offer these new features which will go live at the end of March.

These enhancements are being funded by BIS and managed by Becta, which leads the national drive to improve learning and training through technology.

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