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TITLE: ICT in Teacher Education - Not

ABSTRACT:

After over a decade of the so-called 'normalisation' of computers in education, why are we no closer to acceptable integration of technology in mainstream educational circles? Why are so many teachers and trainers still loathe to use anything more complicated than a tape recorder? This session attempts to answer this question, by looking at the dearth of ICT (Information and Communications Technology) provision in training contexts, and then moving on to look at how educators can integrate technology into their working lives. A tentative ICT syllabus for continuous professional development is outlined, and participants are encouraged to identify gaps in their own knowledge.

BIODATA:

Nicky and Gavin run an online training and development consultancy, The Consultants-E (www.theconsultants-e.com), based in Barcelona, Spain. With over 20 years experience each in face-to-face teaching and training, materials development and online teacher development, they have travelled extensively, helping educational institutions bridge the gap between their training and teaching portfolio and their technical needs. The Consultants-E also offers online teacher training courses, and their online course 'ICT in the Classroom' (quality assured by Trinity College London) was recently awarded a British Council Innovation Award. Nicky and Gavin have co-authored 'How to Teach English with Technology' for the Longman 'How to...' series (2007).