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Dear Colleague,

RE: Learning Through Innovation Project – Progress Briefing 1

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a briefing regarding the progress made to date on the Learning Through Innovation project.

The project team are currently visiting all project schools with an agenda to check on the status of action plans, identify strengths schools will be able to share with other schools, identify any support needs and address any school concerns. Partnership groups will then need to date up their next progress meeting and ensure that the relevant member of the Project Management Team is able to attend.

Project Web Site

The Learning Through Innovation web site has been launched. It can be accessed through the Advisory Service ICT web site at

http://www.southglos.gov.uk/Corporate_Advisory_new/Advisory/. Click on *ICT* and then *Learning Through Innovation* and then scroll down and select *Project Area*.

The following details then need to be entered

User Name innov8
Password 376486

The site is password protected so that all colleagues feel confident to post their activities and samples of work. Items can then be posted on the main web site when authors feel they are ready for circulation to a wider audience. The web site will be constantly added to. It currently has school mind maps from the launch, training information, activity examples from the training, templates and notices requested by colleagues. All of the training presentations and video clips of the training will be added shortly. We would hope for this site to become a dynamic resource bank for colleagues and would request that schools submit any activity ideas and samples of work to Julie Embury as well as any requests for other items you would like to have incorporated into the web site.

This might include:

- School adapted templates,
- Examples of animation activities
- Bell work activity ideas

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- Ideas for recording impact of the project,
 - Successful whiteboard/digital camera activities
 - Useful web sites

As information is sent in a web page will be created for each school so that developments can be shared. Please submit your items to Julie Embury at julie.embury@southglos.gov.uk.

It is important that the web site becomes a way of sharing resources between partnership groups. The site is also likely to be used as one way of monitoring the project by the DfES and the University of the West of England.

We do not currently have the facilities within the LEA to host some types of multimedia work. Examples of this type of work are now being hosted on an Aardvark server which was introduced during the Wednesday session of the training week. This is currently hosting the examples of animation work colleagues created on the training and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.sglfti.org.uk/>. The current LTI web site will be linked to this.

Equipment

All hardware should now be installed and schools should have a clear idea of when their whiteboard training is to be carried out. The initial part of the training is about basic setting up and features of the whiteboard with key individuals. Further training may need to be planned in at a later date as part of progress meetings. Some schools have raised the issue of wanting to order additional equipment as part of the project. I have attached a sheet which you can use to indicate your interest in a bulk purchase deal. The early indications from the whiteboard companies are that prices will be lower than those for last financial year and will include additional benefits such as a higher specification data projector and a slate (this only works on the 75" board). There is an indication of price on the attached sheet. A flyer will follow to all schools giving exact details once we have an indication of the likely numbers of boards being ordered.

Some schools also wish to purchase additional cameras and there is an indication of pricing on the sheet. Schools can also order memory sticks for cameras at the prices indicated. Memory sticks can be used instead of disks and allow larger numbers of photographs to be saved at one time before needing to download them on to a computer.

Colleagues may also want to use ICT in Schools funding to order additional licences for the software provided through the project.

Please indicate on the sheet provided the numbers of items you would like to order. This will then help us to negotiate bulk purchasing deals. We can then inform you of the total cost of your order and you will be able to decide whether you wish to proceed with it.

Yours sincerely



Jo Briscoe
ICT Adviser



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Bulk Purchase Form

Please indicate your interest in purchasing items by completing the following form. At this stage this does not constitute an order but will enable us to negotiate savings in prices on the items listed. The prices provided are the most expensive and actual prices negotiated through bulk purchasing will be lower.

An administration / delivery charge will also need to be included for all orders.

Item	Description	Indication of Price	Number Required
Interactive whiteboard	Promethean 75" board with active slate, 1400 lumen data projector and fixed installation included	£3,100	
Data projector	1400 lumen projector		
Digital camera	Sony Mavica MVC FD200		
Memory stick			
QuickTime Pro	Software for digital video editing	£25	
Inspiration			
Kidspiration			
Paint Shop Pro	10 licence bundles	£330 (if a total of 520 are purchased)	

Name

School

Please complete with your name and school and return to
 Gill Stone, Advisory & Professional/Curriculum Development Service
Fax No (01454) 868967