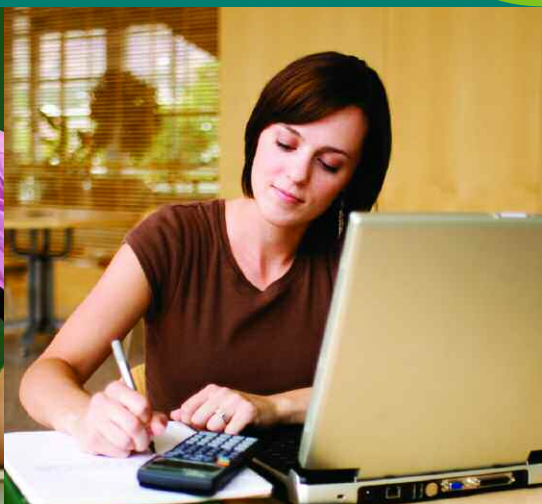


Internet resources for
education



Welcome to

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This booklet gives a sample of the online resources you can find using *Intute* – a free Internet service designed to help students, lecturers and researchers find the best of the Web for their education and research.

Intute is created by university subject specialists, and offers over 120,000 links to academic content on the Web, as well as a suite of Internet training tutorials.

Lecturers can use *Intute* to guide their students to websites that are relevant to their courses, and help them develop Internet research skills for university work.

If you like what you find in this booklet please visit our website, where you can access many more scholarly Internet resources:

Intute: Education

www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/education/

Or try this online tutorial designed to help students develop their Internet research skills:

Internet for Education

www.vts.intute.ac.uk/he/tutorial/education/

Details of more *Intute* services can be found at the end of this booklet.

An online version of this booklet can found at:

www.intute.ac.uk/subjectbooklets.html

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Bibliographic databases

Journal articles, books, book chapters, theses, conference papers and reports are often indexed in bibliographic databases, so searching these sources can help you locate key literature on your research subject.

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

ERIC is an American database of journal and non-journal education literature. There are more than 1.2 million bibliographic citations going back to 1966 and more than 100,000 full-text documents covering the period 1993 onwards. Users are able to search by keyword, author / title and thesaurus term, and if they sign up to the 'My ERIC' feature they can personalise their searches. The material is global in scope and comprehensive in terms of subject coverage.

British Education Index (BEI)

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/bei/bei.htm>

The British Education Index is an electronic and printed guide to bibliographic references of British and selected European English-language periodicals in the field of education and training. The Index's coverage ranges from early years education to the education of older adults, including coverage of relevant training and management literature. The site includes information concerning the availability of the Index and how users may subscribe and gain access to it. A selection of recent additions to the Index, is freely available from the website.

Australian Education Index (AEI)

<http://www.acer.edu.au/library/aei/>

This is a subscription bibliographic database of more than 130,000 entries relating to educational research, policy and practice that covers the period 1979 onwards. The Cunningham Library at the Australian Council for Educational Research produces AEI. Over 200 Australian journals are comprehensively indexed and more than 500 Australian and international journals are scanned for relevant articles. Books, conference proceedings and papers, research and technical reports, theses and legislation are also indexed and entries are assigned subject headings from the Australian Thesaurus of Education Descriptors. Users should check with their institution to see if they have access to AEI.

Institute of Education Library Catalogue

<http://libserv.ioe.ac.uk/uhtbin/webcat/>

The catalogue of the library of the Institute of Education at the University of London searches the largest collection of books and other materials on education in the UK. It contains books and journals on all aspects of education, in this country and overseas, substantial sections on related subjects such as philosophy, psychology, sociology and linguistics, and smaller background collections on curriculum subjects. There is also a large multimedia collection of materials at school level.

Journals

Most scholarly journals are available online, although there can be restrictions on accessing the full text of articles, depending on whether you have an active subscription.

Directory of Open Access Journals on Education

<http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=subject&cpid=127/>

The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) provides access to a growing collection of several thousand free full-text scholarly journals covering all areas of the social sciences including education. It is hosted by Lund University Libraries Head Office. The project is funded by Open Society Institute - Budapest and also supported by SPARC (The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) with the aim of increasing the visibility and accessibility of open access scholarly journals. It is possible to search by journal title or browse by subject. It is also possible to search for individual articles within the database.

Institute of Education Library: Electronic Journals Search

<http://wsis.ioe.ac.uk/eJournals/search/search.aspx>

The Institute of Education Library: Electronic Journals Search provides a useful overview of the range of titles available in education and related disciplines. However access to these individual titles will depend upon your own institutional or personal subscription arrangements. It is possible to browse an A-Z listing of journal titles or to search the database by journal title, keyword-controlled subject, publisher, access provider or country of publication.

Research centres and projects

Keep up to date with the latest research.

ESRC Teaching and Learning Research Programme (TLRP)

<http://www.tlrp.org/>

TLRP's purpose is to support and develop "the UK's educational research to improve outcomes for learners of all ages." Within this there are six distinct aims: Learning; Outcomes; Lifecourse; Enrichment; Expertise; and Improvement. The core team is based at the Institute of Education, University of London. The website includes background information on the TLRP, information about past and present projects supported by the Programme, Programme publications and events, plus news information for users.

National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER)

<http://www.nfer.ac.uk/>

This is an independent body undertaking research and development projects on issues of current interest in all sectors of the public education system. They are responsible for many educational research services, including the Annual Surveys of Trends in Primary and Secondary Education and EMIE, a local government networking service for those working in education and children's services. Their website contains a catalogue of publications, research information, a research database and links to related services. Users can sign up for the nferdirect email alerting service or the Ontheweb service. Ontheweb is a monthly current awareness service that highlights recent reports, publications and documents from educational research and children's services related websites.

Centre for the Use of Research and Evidence in Education (CUREE)

<http://www.curee-paccts.com/>

The Centre for the Use of Research and Evidence in Education (CUREE) supports and develops the effective use of research and evidence in education in order to improve practice and policy and to help raise standards. CUREE provides advice, training and consultancy to policy makers, as well as practitioners, in the use of evidence and research. Their website provides news and event information, more information on the work of the Centre and publications to download in the form of PDF or Word documents.

Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre)

<http://eppi.ioe.ac.uk/>

The Evidence for Policy and Practice Information and Co-ordinating Centre (EPPI-Centre) is part of the Social Science Research Unit (SSRU) at the Institute of Education, University of London. The website describes the work of the Centre in education and in health promotion. The Centre produces systematic reviews of research evidence in the areas of education and health promotion, as well as developing methods and tools for conducting systematic reviews of public policy. It also features databases of education and health promotion research.

The SCRE Centre

<http://www.scre.ac.uk/>

The SCRE (Scottish Council for Research in Education) Centre aims to support Scottish education and training through research. The website provides information about current activities, and SCRE publications, including a list of (free, full-text) research briefing papers, and an online version of the Research in Education newsletter.

CERUK: Current Educational Research in the UK

<http://www.ceruk.ac.uk/>

CERUK is a database of current or on-going research in education and related disciplines, produced by the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). It covers a wide range of studies including commissioned research and PhD theses across all phases of education from early years to adults. The database includes an email alerting service for new research projects; users can create up to five keyword profiles to cover their interests. Users can search the database by keyword or researcher, or view the latest additions.

Educational Evidence Portal

<http://www.eep.ac.uk/>

The Educational Evidence Portal provides a cross-search of a range of evidence-based information from educational research websites in the UK and is coordinated by the CfBT Education Trust. Users can search the cached pages of a range of educational websites, arranging their search results by date, popularity or relevancy. It is also possible to focus on a particular website / source. Selected resources have been picked as particularly relevant to practitioners and researchers, and are available via a specialised search, which looks at the title, author, date, subject, type or phase of education - but does not include a full-text search of documents.

Mailing lists, news and discussion groups

Great for networking with like-minded people and keeping up to date.

JISCmail: Education

<http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/maillinglists/category/Education.htm>

JISCmail is an email distribution and management service sponsored by the JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee), for the UK Higher and Further Education communities. It aims to encourage collaboration, research, networking and experience sharing as well as enabling the academic community to stay on top of new developments and events. The lists are free to set up and use.

Archives of the public and restricted lists are available to search for registered users. There is a full listing of all the mailing lists that are available that can be browsed or searched. Try the Academic Studies in Education section.

Times Educational Supplement (TES)

<http://www.tes.co.uk/>

The TES website provides a free selection of news, reviews and analysis from the current edition of the Times Educational Supplement and an updated news service between editions. The site includes access to a range of educational resources, including an archive of thousands of articles published in the TES since 1994, a database of reviews of textbooks and curriculum materials, league tables, education legislation, curriculum documents, directories of schools and college websites and online forums in which to share ideas and information with other teachers. There is a jobs database with appointments in education.

Times Higher Education (THE)

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/>

Times Higher Education (formerly the Times Higher Education Supplement) is an information source for news in the higher education sector, both UK and international. It is the website for the printed version of Times Higher Education that is published weekly by TSL Education Ltd. The website is updated daily and provides news, reviews, job vacancies and features appearing in the printed issue. The site provides access to a full archive of the paper stretching back to October 1994.

Professional organisations

Many professional organisations and societies have their own websites. Here are some examples ...

General Teaching Council for England

<http://www.gtce.org.uk/>

The General Teaching Council (GTC) is the professional body for teaching in England. The website highlights current issues in the profession and topical articles of relevance. Press releases issued by the GTC are available, with recent news listed. There is information on behaviour management; subject and specialist associations; research; special education; teacher unions; Government and Parliament; education agencies; other general teaching councils; parents; museums and galleries; educational support resources and National Curriculum subjects. Further information is provided on the role of research within the GTC, research sponsored by the Council and a Research of the Month feature.

British Educational Research Association (BERA)

<http://www.bera.ac.uk/>

The British Educational Research Association is a learned society for researchers engaged in a wide range of educational research. The Association organises an annual conference and publishes a newsletter for its members, Research Intelligence, and a journal, the British Educational Research Journal. The website has information on the aims, membership, history and publications of the Association. There is also a discussion forum for members. Contents and selected articles from the newsletter are available in PDF and Word formats.

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

<http://www.aera.net/>

AERA is an international professional organisation with the primary goal of advancing educational research and its practical application. The broad disciplines represented by the membership include: education, psychology, statistics, sociology, history, economics, philosophy, anthropology and political science. It has many Special Interest Groups (SIGs) with individual websites. The website also provides information concerning membership, organisational structure, awards, Internet links, news and jobs, information concerning the upcoming and past annual meetings, plus the journal Educational Researcher.

Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

<http://www.acer.edu.au/>

ACER is a national body whose remit is 'to monitor emerging priorities and issues and to undertake commissioned research to inform educational policy and practice'. Their research and development programmes are wide ranging and focus on areas such as assessment and reporting; early childhood education; learning processes; surveys; and testing. Each area has links to descriptions of individual projects, publications, news and events, and information about the Council itself. The website gives pointers to useful indexes and bibliographic databases in the field. Certain services are restricted to members of the Council.

Higher Education Academy

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/>

The Higher Education Academy was established in 2003 to act as a single, central body to support the enhancement of learning and teaching in higher education in the UK. The Academy aims to advise on policies and practices that impact on the student experience, support curriculum and pedagogic development and facilitate development and increase the professional standing of all staff in higher education. The Academy is an independent body established by Universities UK and GuildHE.

ESCalate

<http://escalate.ac.uk/>

ESCalate is the education subject centre that is part of the Higher Education Academy. A consortium of three universities, Bristol, Stirling and Cumbria, working in partnership with the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET) and the Universities Association for Continuing Education (UACE), manages the centre. The website offers background information about the work of the centre, and includes briefing papers related to good practice in teaching and learning, a diary of events and a list of related links. It also details ESCalate's project work, funding opportunities and work with the student (teacher training and researcher) communities.

Society for Research into Higher Education

<http://www.srhe.ac.uk/>

The Society for Research into Higher Education exists to stimulate and co-ordinate research into all aspects of higher education. Individual members include teachers, researchers, managers and students; corporate members include institutions of higher education, research institutes, professional, industrial and governmental bodies. The website has information about the Society, membership details, and information about the Society's publications.

Statistics and datasets

DCSF/DIUS Research and Statistics Gateway

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/>

This is a focal point for government data on education in the UK. The website features links to statistical information in the form of latest information listings of just released data, coming soon listings for future releases and a news update section. Users can search by keyword, subject category, reference or publication type. Data is available in a variety of formats, including PDF, Word and Excel.

National Statistics: Education and training

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/nscl.asp?ID=5005>

Part of the National Statistics website, this portal pulls together a range of UK indicators on education, training and quality of life. It presents stories or summaries of education data for the public, articles that go into a particular dataset or indicator in more detail, data results that list the latest releases of information or statistics and product results that highlight some of the commercial datasets that National Statistics provide in this subject area.

Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)

<http://www.hesa.ac.uk/>

HESA was born out of the need for a more coherent system of higher education statistics. Maintained on behalf of UK universities and higher education colleges, it collects, analyses and reports on HE statistics as the basis of a comprehensive management information system for HE. The website provides detailed information about the organisation as well as its system of data collection. The site also offers a wide range of freely available statistics, ad hoc data, and details of its formal publications.

Economic and Social Data Service (ESDS)

<http://www.esds.ac.uk/>

ESDS is a national data service that “provides access and support for an extensive range of key economic and social data, both quantitative and qualitative, spanning many disciplines and themes”. The service is a jointly funded initiative sponsored by the ESRC and the JISC. The website offers full explanations of all the data services provided, publications, events, user support, and news. Researchers could start by clicking on ‘browse by subject’ and then selecting ‘education’.

Government departments, agencies and publications

Public services and government information online.

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/>

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) was formed in June 2007 from the Department for Education and Skills (DfES). It is responsible for administering UK government policy relating to children and young people. This includes coverage of their health, welfare and education. The website provides access to information about the functions, structure and activities of the department. It includes access to press releases, policy papers, statistics, legislation and documents. Links are provided to archived materials from the former department.

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS)

<http://www.dius.gov.uk/>

The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills is an official body of the UK government that was created in June 2007. It is responsible for policy relating to science, research and innovation as well as higher education, further education and the university sector. Its website provides information on the aims of the department, its structure and activities. It includes recent press releases, plus full-text legislation, documents, reports and statistics.

The Scottish Government: Education and Training

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/>

The Scottish Government Education Department aims “to ensure that everybody has access to learning opportunities that can help them achieve their full potential”. Links are given to all of Scotland’s main educational institutions, as well as to other Scottish Government departments and agencies.

Welsh Assembly Government: Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/departments/dcells/>

This Department of the Welsh Assembly Government “aims to improve children’s services, education and training provision to secure better outcomes for learners, business, and employers”. The website includes policy documents, press releases, statistical information and public consultations on various education, learning and skills issues relevant to Wales. It also features information on the working of the Department and links to related websites.

Department of Education for Northern Ireland

<http://www.deni.gov.uk/>

This website details government policy on education in the region of Northern Ireland. There are links to the sites of other educational bodies and organisations; a list of the full-text of strategy documents and consultation documents; categorisation of policies according to their interest to students, teachers and parents; complete inspection reports; a statistical press release library; and research briefings.

Ofsted

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Ofsted (the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills) is an independent non-ministerial government department. On 1 April 2007 it brought together four formerly separate inspectorates, including the Adult Learning Inspectorate and the Commission for Social Care Inspection. It inspects and regulates care for children and young people, and inspects education and training for learners of all ages. They provide a four-yearly inspection of state funded schools, the reports of which are available online. The reports are organised by type of school / establishment and are also available by postcode. The website contains more information about the inspection process, news, publications and research and the chance to subscribe to their email newsletter.

Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)

<http://www.qca.org.uk/>

The QCA was formed in 1997 and aims to maintain standards in education and training by "...working with others to maintain and develop the school curriculum and associated assessments, and to accredit and monitor qualifications in schools, colleges and at work." The website contains information on national qualifications, curriculum and assessment, research and statistics, QCA news, and a variety of publications. They are responsible for the new secondary curriculum that is being rolled out between 2008-2011.

Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA)

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/>

This is a UK government agency established in 2005, extending the role of the Teacher Training Agency to school support staff. Its purpose is to improve the training and development of the whole school workforce. This website provides the full-text of many TDA publications, press releases and statistical data. Users can access information according to their role as teachers, leaders or support staff, as well as, finding out about the process of becoming a teacher.

Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/>

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) is the UK government body responsible for funding and planning education and training for over 16s in England. The LSC was established in 2001; its work covers further education, work-based training, school sixth forms, workforce development, adult and community learning, and education business links. The LSC website provides extensive information about its work and key resources for its partners and stakeholders.

The Standards Site

<http://www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/>

The Standards Site is a landing page within the DCSF website that brings together a number of policy areas aimed at disseminating practical guidance and examples of good practice in schools in England. The site covers the whole range of policy issues from academies through to teacher training schools. Users can express their views on education policy via the e-consultation area, browse or search for specific policy areas, sign up for email alerts or view featured areas.

TeacherNet

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/>

TeacherNet has been developed by the DCSF as a resource to support the education profession. The website includes sections on teaching and learning, professional development, management, whole school issues and research. Resources include lessons plans for foundation, primary and secondary teaching, model policies for administrative issues, as well as news and event information. Users can register to receive email newsletters, use online discussion forums and personalise the website.

International education

Key educational bodies from outside the UK.

OECD Education

<http://www.oecd.org/education/>

The website provides information on the activities of the OECD Education Directorate, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and statistics on educational progress. Information is broken down by country and topic. Users can sign up for the My OECD service and personalise the website or access the latest updates. The site is available in French or English.

UNESCO Education

<http://www.unesco.org/education/>

This site details UNESCO's Education programmes and strategies. It has news, articles and reports listed under a number of themes including literacy, HIV/AIDS education, education by level and many more. Resources are also organised by geographical region. There are also links to partner, project and network websites.

European Educational Research Association (EERA)

<http://www.eera.ac.uk/>

EERA is a learned society that aims to improve communication between national educational research associations, institutes based in Europe, and international organisations. It organises conferences and networks that facilitate the exchange of research results. Publications including the European Educational Researcher can be downloaded and there are links to policy documents. Membership is open to individual researchers, national associations and institutes of educational research.

European Commission Directorate General for Education and Culture

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/

The Directorate's mission is to help build a European area of lifelong learning, enhance cultural diversity, and promote citizenship and European integration. The main sections of the site include: education and training (including EU programmes, such as Socrates), youth and multilingualism. Publications include information on various policy areas and programs.

EURYDICE, the Information Network on Education in Europe

<http://www.eurydice.org/>

EURYDICE aims to promote the production and exchange of reliable and comparable information on education systems and national policies in European education. The website includes EURYBASE, a database on education systems; press releases; and publications. Also included are links to key data on: teaching languages; ICT in schools; educational salaries; and teaching time in compulsory education.

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- The **Intute database** provides access to thousands of high-quality Internet resources, selected and described by subject specialists, and covers all key areas of educational policy, education at different levels and in different contexts.
- The **Virtual Training Suite** offers free Internet training with a set of “teach-yourself” online tutorials, designed to help students develop their Internet research skills.
- Use **MyIntute** to set up email alerts about new Internet resources in your field, save your own personalised collection of Internet resources, or create reading lists of online resources for your students.
- **Working with Intute** – it’s easy to integrate **Intute** services into your own websites.
- **Suggest a site** – we welcome suggestions from the education sector for new sites for our database.
- We offer free **support materials** for universities and colleges, such as leaflets, worksheets, and presentations that can be adapted and used for teaching.
- The Social Science **conferences and events database** allows you to browse through professional development opportunities or keep up to date using our news services, such as the **Social Science Blog**.

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