



## ACL Initiative Project Report

Name of project lead	E Learning within the Holistic Therapies context
Name of organisation	Wedgwood Memorial College

### Brief description of what you proposed to do

To incorporate e- learning into my teaching.

Digital camera to be used to evidence student activity and individual portfolio assignments.

Mini laptops to be used as a research resource for students.

### Summary of your project *(How did your organisation integrate the mini laptops and camera into e-learning in your Adult Education Service?)*

#### **Pilot e-learning experience using mini laptops and camera.**

Target group of approximately 100 students from Start Up in partnership with the WEA, were enrolled on Open College Network courses. The range included Confidence Building, Stress Management, Counselling, Colour Therapy and Aromatherapy, which were to be held at Wedgwood Memorial College, between October 2008 and June 2009.

All the courses came under the umbrella of Holistic Therapies for personal use and would not usually incorporate e-learning.

When planning for these courses I gave a lot of consideration as to how I could use the equipment both to enhance the experience for the students and to provide more substantial portfolio evidence for the OCN.

The mini laptops could be used to conduct research e.g. investigating the scientific evidence to support Colour Therapy; to create a Blog of Confidence Building; to observe body language during a 1 to 1 counselling session.

The digital camera offers the opportunity to photograph activities both for evidence purposes and for the service providers. Also the ability to photograph artefacts such as a colour collage for portfolio building.

Ideally it would be beneficial to the e-learning experience to include the use of video with sound for example for 1to1 counselling sessions.

**Evaluation of project**

Unfortunately there has been a delay in the start dates on these courses due to lack of crèche facilities. Commencement will now begin on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. When the courses have been completed I will furbish you with the evaluation, outputs and future plans.

**Project outputs**

**Any plans for the future?**