



Our Vision and Aims

The Centre for Online and Distance Education (CODE) supports a vibrant international network of Higher Education professionals working in the areas of online and distance education. We operate based on the principles of inclusivity, accessibility, and sustainability across all our endeavours.

Our 40+ CODE Fellows are drawn from across the globe and are thought leaders in the practice, research, leadership and pedagogy of online and distance education. The Centre for Online and Distance Education is led by Dr Linda Amrane-Cooper and supported by a core team of CODE Fellows.

Our Vision

To be a beacon of research-informed expertise, elevating learning experiences, empowering educators, and advancing learner achievement in online and distance education.

Our Aims

To promote high-quality learning, teaching, and assessment in online and distance education our aim is to foster research, learning, and connection.

Research

- We conduct and promote rigorous research that champions best practice, explores innovation, and impacts on the development of online and distance education.
- We explore and foster excellent pedagogical, technological, and organisational innovation in online and distance education to influence theory, policy, practice, and research.

Learning

- We champion innovation in teaching in the online and distance education space, through research informed training, consultancy and practice.
- We enhance the quality of online and distance learning and raise its status within higher education to enrich all learners' experiences, engagement, and prospects.

Connection

- We are a community of practice that transcends national, institutional and professional boundaries, for the study and practice of online and distance education. We create and foster discussion, engagement and professional development through publications, events, research, training and projects, and through international collaborations and partnerships.
- We lead on capacity building and transnational activities that enhance and sustain educational leadership and practice in online and distance education.

What we do

Conduct and Disseminate Research

- Design, develop and evaluate educational technologies, environments and methods in response to global challenges.
- Fund and manage a variety of projects and awards that focus on enhancements to the quality of online and distance education and the student experience.
- Disseminate scholarship and research into distance and online education, including innovative pedagogies, emerging technologies, assessment, and promoting the importance of

equity, diversity, and inclusion in the online and distance education space.

Build capacity

- Offer an online postgraduate educational qualification in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education
- Offer professional development short courses and events that support the enhancement of pedagogical approaches to online and distance education.
- Provide development funding to build capacity and enhance online and distance education for the University of London and Federation members.
- Provide bespoke, tailored training, capacity building, and knowledge management for educational institutions, industry, and partner organisations within the UK and internationally.

Make connections

- Organise accessible and inclusive development events including symposia, seminars, webinars, and conferences for a wide range of stakeholders including educators, academics, students, and international partners.
- Raise awareness of, and promote discussion about, learning and teaching innovation.
- Seek out and conduct international research collaborations related to online and distance education, including hosting international scholars, collaborating on projects, and embracing a diversity of voices and approaches.

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