

Edge Hill University

COLLABORATE: EXAMPLES OF USE

HOW PEOPLE HAVE USED BLACKBOARD COLLABORATE AT EDGE HILL
UNIVERSITY

Introduction

Blackboard Collaborate enables you to run lectures, seminars, or meetings online.

In this document we will list a range of uses at Edge Hill University, before explaining how you could get started yourself.

Examples: Distance Learning

Distance courses have been early adopters of Collaborate, particularly the Masters in International Higher Education. [Find out from Pam Nicol about their experiences and how they ran online sessions.](#)

The BA (Hons) Teaching, Learning and Mentoring Practice ran online using Collaborate to run sessions and build a 'learning community'. Lisa Corcoran studied on it and [shared her experiences with us.](#)

Example: Blended Learning

For example find out from Anne McLoughlin about [the use of Collaborate on the Dyslexia programme](#) for inductions, and follow-up sessions.

Example: Student Support

Many of Toni Bewley's students were working full time and find it difficult to attend tutorials. [Toni explains how she used Collaborate](#) to help her communicate with students at times that suit them. Two of Toni's students, [Debbie and Elizabeth describe the benefits](#) of scheduled online tutorials and the contact with their tutor as distance learners.

Example: Meetings

Adrian Cain wanted to run update meetings with staff who worked at helpdesks at each of Edge Hill University's libraries. Collaborate was used successfully to remove the need for travel between the libraries, as everyone could attend from a PC at their own location.

Examples: One-off Sessions

Learning Services have used Collaborate to run one-off sessions for staff and students. [Carol Chatten and Martin Baxter shared their experiences](#) of using Collaborate to run what were previously online sessions.

Peter Beaumont and Helen Miller moved one of their face-to-face sessions online. They shared their experience at the SOLSTICE conference and [their slides and notes are available](#).

Examples: Conferences

The 2018 Every Child Counts team [made use of Collaborate to run a 'blended' conference](#), when heavy snow prevented many presenters and attendees from travelling to the Ormskirk campus.

Learning How to get started with Collaborate

To get started using Collaborate with students, you can access the tool through Blackboard. Blackboard have created [a playlist of videos](#) to get you started.

If you would like advice, why not speak to [your Learning Technologist](#) in Learning Services. They will be able to advise you on how to make your plans a reality, or on how you can use Collaborate in your context.