

Finding Academic Information Toolkit- Transcript

Hi, I'm Andy Tomkins and I'm one of the academic skills advisors with UniSkills here at Edge Hill University.

Welcome to the Finding Academic Information Toolkit. I hope you find it useful for your academic studies.

It will help you find and select the high quality academic literature that is essential to writing an academic assignment.

The ability to find, evaluate, and use information is often called information literacy.

You may, of course, have lots of experience in searching the internet and looking for information.

If so, you'll also appreciate that it can be time consuming and you can spend a lot of time not finding what you're looking for.

Given the amount of print and digital formats available to you, it can feel overwhelming, but developing your information literacy skills will increase your chances of finding the relevant academic literature you'll need for your assignments and will save you time.

Once you are secure in finding academic information, you will then find yourself in a position to select and use literature to support your own ideas, gain insights into diverse perspectives, challenge existing notions, and even contribute to the advancement of knowledge within your discipline.

Additionally, you will develop your critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making skills which are essential to producing a good written piece of work.

You're probably thinking about passing your assignments and getting the best degree that you can.

But developing information literacy abilities will also be useful in a professional capacity beyond university.

I hope you enjoy working through this toolkit. Let's make a start.