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LaTTe's NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023

The Learning and Teaching Technologies Advisory Group (LaTTe) provides connectivity between Senate Education Committee, ITDS, schools and academic units to identify and promote technologies that facilitate learning and teaching at Western.

Welcome to our monthly newsletter, and if you would like to know more or get involved, contact your [LaTTe representative](#).



Refreshing the Hub

Glenn and Andrew from Learning Futures gave a presentation on the work that is taking place to update the [Online Engagement and Teaching Hub](#), an online resource for academics with over 375 articles and resources designed to inspire and guide users in the creation of engaging online learning experiences.

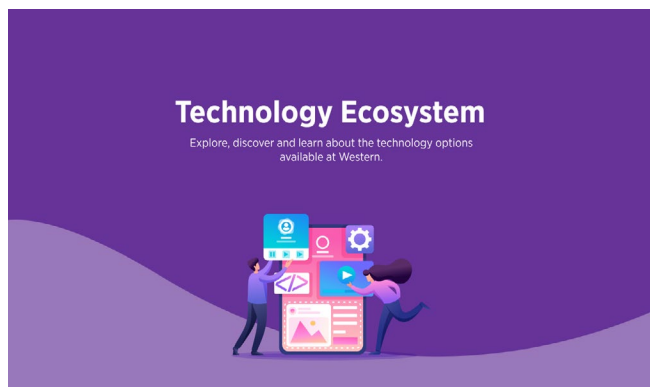
The Hub has had 120,000 views since November 2020, with over 130 newsletters reaching more than 660 subscribers. All of this makes the task of redesigning the Hub quite a challenge!

The Hub refresh was triggered by the conceptualisation of the soon to be released TechEco System and The Drawing Board which is currently under development. These are separate projects based on the Hub that are being developed to help make specific resources more readily available for

users. A UX approach is being employed in the refresh, noting that visitation to the Hub continues to increase, but the rate of users leaving is also high - suggesting they are not finding what they are looking for. The refresh hopes to improve navigation, provide tailored options to users and simplify choices while improving readability and usability.

If you would like to get involved and help shape the new version of the Hub, please reach out to [Andrew Wagstaffe](#).

If you would like to contribute content and material or offer your own insights and experiences to the Hub, [Glenn Mason](#) would like to hear from you!

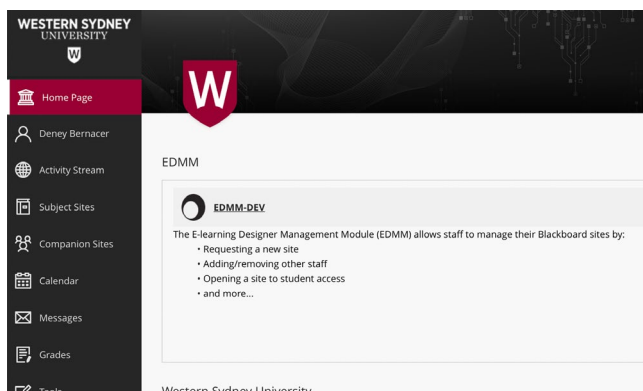


Technology Ecosystem

Ben from Learning Futures presented an update about the Technology Ecosystem, an idea that came about after examining usage of the [Online Engagement and Teaching Hub](#). We found that users would navigate to the Technology category on arrival. Given the keen interest in information about technology from our readers, a new site was envisioned which would focus purely on technology.

While The Hub is designed to guide users in creating online experiences, the Technology Ecosystem will showcase technologies in use and supported at Western and look to promote their usage, include instructions, discuss best practices and provide external and Western specific resources. Although it is a new resource, there will be integration with the existing Hub.

For more information about the Technology Ecosystem, please contact [Ben Wong](#).



UBN Update

ITDS and representatives from Blackboard presented a live demonstration of the Ultra Base Navigation (UBN) to the group in this month's meeting as a follow up to previous discussions. The demonstration provided a look at the updated interface and navigation for [vUWS](#), our Learning Management System, as well as a look at a feature called the Activity Stream which combines and summarises all recent content and updates in to a single page.

The group's issues and concerns about the UBN Subject List from last year have also been addressed which allowed for group members to begin discussing the potential rollout of the UBN update later this year to best suit Western staff and students.

These discussions will include the onboarding of users with the new interface and features through video demonstrations and tutorials and the processes involved in developing these resources.

Keen to know more?

Contact your **LaTTe representative** or visit [LaTTe's webpage](#).

Have a great day! From your colleagues on LaTTe.

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