

# Tertiary eLearning Reference Group



The lead advisory group for tertiary e-learning in Aotearoa, New Zealand

## Who we are

Initially established in 2005 by the Ministry of Education to support the action areas in the 2004 Interim Tertiary e-Learning Framework, the Tertiary eLearning Reference Group (TeLRG) moved from being a representative group to an expert group in 2010. Co-hosted by the Ministry of Education and Ako Aotearoa – The National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence, the TeLRG's main purpose is to provide advice to its co-hosts on issues relating to tertiary e-learning. This includes work relating to the following objectives:

1. Assess the current state of tertiary e-learning.
2. Assist with the development of New Zealand's future tertiary e-learning priorities.
3. Provide advice for central agencies/organisations and the sector on relevant work programmes/initiatives.
4. Provide advice on current and potential funding streams to support e-learning.
5. Assist agencies and the sector to take a coordinated approach to priority projects and where appropriate, co-develop these with the relevant parties.

## TeLRG members

The TeLRG is first and foremost an expert advisory group; consisting of people nominated by e-learning or other appropriate professional associations and peak bodies, with involvement from experts outside these associations to ensure appropriate perspective across the breadth of the tertiary sector. Current members include representatives from:

- New Zealand Association for Open, Flexible and Distance Learning (DEANZ)
- Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE)
- Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA)
- Pacific Islands Tertiary Education Providers of New Zealand (PITPONZ)
- Independent Tertiary Education New Zealand (ITENZ)
- Australasian Council for Open, Distance and E-Learning (ACODE)

## What we do

### TeLRG activities and projects

The group has made important contributions to a number of key e-learning projects in New Zealand, examples include:

**2016 Scenarios** - a collaboration project through DEANZ is an online, interactive resource for organisational and programme future planning. Funded by Ako Aotearoa via its National Project Fund.

**Annotated bibliographies on aspects of tertiary e-learning** - the planned series of Ministry of Education annotated bibliographies has so far produced two reports on learner participation, retention and success, and, organisational approaches to e-learning. Two further bibliographies are in development: Government and sector-level tertiary e-learning initiatives, and, e-learning in the workplace.

**Redevelopment of New Zealand's e-Learning Guidelines for the tertiary sector** – this redevelopment updated and expanded the existing e-Learning Guidelines to better support decision-making in the tertiary sector. Visit the new eLg website - [www.elg.ac.nz](http://www.elg.ac.nz)

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