

X4L ADVISORY BOARD
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BACKGROUND

X4L began as a 3-year programme, running from June 2002 to November 2005, that was been divided into two strands. Strand A is investigating the repurposing of JISC and other publicly funded or freely available content and their use within VLEs. Strand B is providing tools to support the Strand A projects and at the same time undertaking research and development to improve the usefulness and ease of use of such tools over three years.

A review of the programme took place in the spring of 2004. As a result of this, X4L Phase 2, involving 5 new projects, commenced in March 2005 and is due to end in September 2006. It is likely that this will bring the X4L programme of activity to a conclusion.

The JISC Executive has decided to establish an Advisory Board as a mechanism to enhance the execution of the X4L Programme and to ensure a wider perspective is taken into account in managing the programme. Ultimately the Programme Manager is responsible for managing the programme, however it is recognised that this will be facilitated by working closely with experts to enable a coherent view of the programme as a whole. The Advisory Board fulfils this expert function.

A separate steering group has been set up for JORUM, the learning materials repository funded as part of X4L. The X4L Programme Manager will provide an update from the JORUM Steering Group to the X4L Advisory Board; and an update from the X4L Advisory Board to the JORUM Steering Group.

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To work with the Programme Manager in overseeing the X4L projects, with particular reference to the broad aims of the X4L Programme and the JISC Information Environment.

To work with all the project cluster groups to help ensure that links between these groups and themes emanating from them are identified and fed into the overall running of the programme.

To offer advice on the direction of individual projects where necessary, and to help the Programme Manager identify synergies between projects.

To offer advice to the programme manager on developing practices and standards that the X4L projects and the JISC Executive should be aware of to take the programme to successful completion.

To offer advice on dissemination, exit strategies and evaluation for the programme and projects. To have contact with any consultants working on behalf of JISC in these areas, especially in evaluation.

To act as champions of the X4L programme, promoting outcomes and outputs within the community.

To advise the JISC Executive and where necessary the JIIE and JLT committees on additional areas of work that could enhance the objectives of the programme.

To identify synergies with developments and organisations both outside and within the JISC community including making links with related international activity.