Workshop on Applications of Mobile Telephony for Development – M4D

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Mobile Technology - the Hype and the Hope

Sir John Daniel
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The inventor or introducer of the BLACKBOARD deserves to be ranked among the best contributors to learning and science, if not among the greatest benefactors of mankind

Josiah Bumstead 1841
The

MOTION PICTURE

is the
most revolutionary instrument
introduced into education since the
printing press

Hoban 1940
It now seems clear, however, that **TELEVISION** offers the greatest opportunity for the advancement of education since the introduction of printing by moveable type

*Stoddard 1957*
PROGRAMMED LEARNING

is the first major technological innovation since the invention of printing

Woefle 1962
The impact of COMPUTERS on society, and hence on education, has been compared to that of moveable type and the printing press since Gutenberg.

Caffrey and Mossman 1967
INTERNET and COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES are revolutionising the format and delivery of education.

Internet in Education Conference 2000
Potestis ut una vox capi ante plurima: \[ \text{Linnen: ita una scripta mille paginas} \]
COL Lifelong Learning for Farmers - LIVES
INTEGRATE

mobile telephony

with successful models of intervention
“A technology has given us a new freedom”
COL's Policy on Open Educational Resources

Overview

This document specifies a broad policy to promote and inform the development and use of OER in COL.

Preamble

COL helps governments and institutions to expand the scope, scale and quality of learning. It promotes policies and systems to make innovation sustainable and works with international partners to build models, create materials, enhance organisational capacity and nurture networks that facilitate learning in support of development goals. In specific, COL encourages the development and sharing of open learning/distance education knowledge, resources and technologies.
Fostering Governmental Support for Open Educational Resources Internationally
http://www.col.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=157
“We argued that to make mobile communications effective as a support for development we need greater independence from specific devices and from specific services of telecom companies”
“Another problem is the apparent lack of interest in the use of simple text and voice as key media in mobile communications for learning and development”
Sir Tim Berners-Lee
OM, KBE, FRS, FREng, FRSA
“inter-leaving of the open standards of the web with ‘simple’ voice and text protocols of mobile telephony which are still open to developers”
“mobile learning for development a paradigm for very large numbers of people”
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