Blackboard Ultra: DLT Consultation

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Timeframe

January 2023: UBN enabled

March 2023: Practice Organisations available

April / May 2023: Course creation

September 2023: modules taught using Blackboard Ultra

What do Ultra courses mean for me?

- New template
- All modules created blank
- Different way to create content
- Drag and drop functionality
- Streamlined workflows
- Changes to third party tools

What do I and colleagues have to do?

- Copy / create content in Blackboard modules
- Arrange and organise content in modules
- Design equivalent activities for:
  - Wikis
  - Blogs
  - Test questions
- Create links to reading lists and Panopto tools

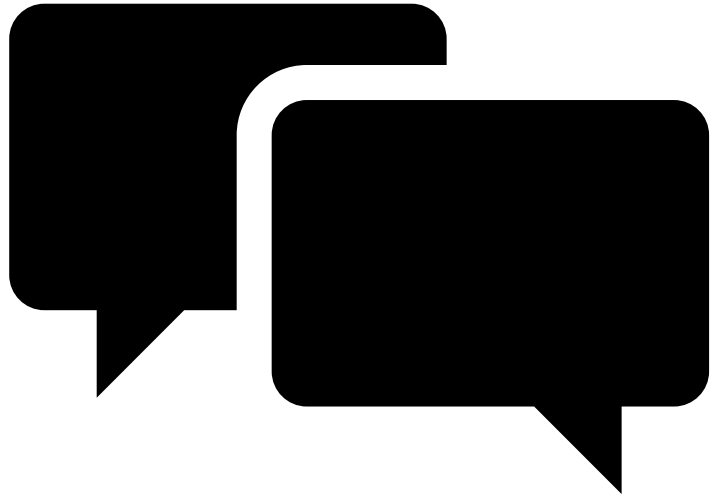# New functionality

Office 365 documents

MS Teams meeting functionality

Blackboard Ally (TBC)

Template

- Agreed by Academic Enhancement Committee, Associate Deans Learning and Teaching, and Associate Deans Welsh-Medium Academic Provision
- 3 templates:
  - Welsh template (for modules recorded in AStRA as 100% through the medium of Welsh)
  - Bilingual template (for modules recorded in AStRA as 1-99% through the medium of Welsh)
  - English template (for modules recorded in AStRA as 0% through the medium of Welsh)

Discussion: What support is needed for you and colleagues?

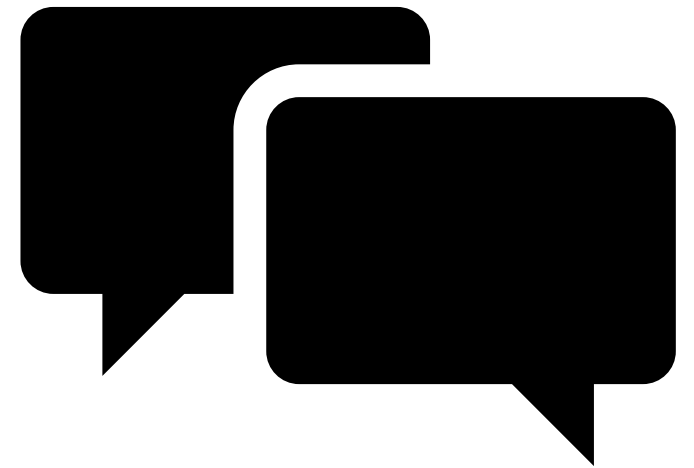Discussion: What challenges can you foresee and how can we help overcome them?

Training plans – departmental session

- Departmental training session: E-learning Essentials: Introduction to Ultra (90 minutes, online)
  - Achieve the Required Minimum Presence
  - Outline to colleagues what they need to do as part of the process
  - Design advice
  - Creating content such as Turnitin links
  - Interactive tools – discussions, journals
  - Blackboard assignments, including tests
  - Grade Book

Training plans — centrally timetabled sessions

- Centrally timetabled training sessions
  - E-learning Essentials: Introduction to Ultra
  - E-learning Enhanced: Introduction to Discussions
  - E-learning Enhanced: Introduction to Tests
  - E-learning Enhanced: Introduction to Journals
  - E-learning Enhanced: Introduction to Blog equivalents
  - E-learning Enhanced: Introduction to Wiki equivalents

Discussion: are there any other training topics that you or colleagues would find useful?
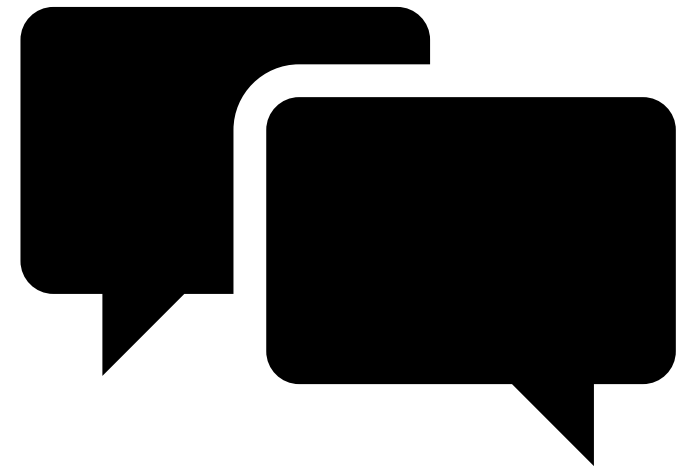
Support materials

- New webpage plans
  - Guidance on webpages
- FAQs
  - Links directly to Blackboard Help (available bilingually)

Discussion: are there any other support materials that you'd like us to consider?

Discussion: what support do students need?

Diolch yn fawr / thank you very much

- Further questions: lteu@aber.ac.uk
- Webpages: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/it-services/elearning/blackboard/ultra/
- Blog: https://wordpress.aber.ac.uk/e-learning/category/blackboard/ultra-blackboard/