

# UNITED KINGDOM ADL PARTNERSHIP LAB



Dr. Robert Wisler, ADL Initiative Director, with Professor Steve Molyneux, U.K. ADL Partnership Lab Director, at the U.K. ADL Partnership Lab agreement signing.

## Collaborating Internationally

Established as a European Centre of Excellence, the primary purpose of the United Kingdom (U.K.) Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Partnership Lab is to cater to the changing needs of the “knowledge society.” Vertical and horizontal applications of advanced learning technologies within the education and training sector are showcased, and free advice and guidance are provided to organizations looking to adopt e-learning and its associated technologies. With more than 45 members from the public and private sector, this ADL Partnership Lab offers a forum for sharing best practices in e-learning both nationally and internationally.

The U.K. ADL Partnership Lab provides a collaborative environment where partners from different industries share resources and experience. Teachers, information technology (IT) advisors, school governors, local authorities, trainers and training departments can view products and have free access to expert advice. The friendly and impartial setting enables innovative learning solutions to be developed and demonstrated, addressing the real needs of individuals and organizations in a rapidly changing learning environment.

“Our engagement with the ADL Initiative will provide a symbiotic relationship where organizations from both countries can share both best practice and technical expertise to the benefit of all nations.”

Professor Steve Molyneux  
Director, U.K. ADL Partnership Lab

## Engaging with Citizenry and the Government

The U.K. ADL Partnership Lab is connected, through broadband, to a number of U.K. networks, including the Telford and Wrekin Supergrid for Learning (a network connecting nearly 90 schools at broadband speeds), the Higher Education sector through MidMAN (the West Midlands University broadband network) and to BroadNet (a broadband network supporting the business community), ensuring that anyone with access to the Internet benefits from the results of Lab activities.

The U.K. ADL Partnership Lab works closely with the Department for Education and Skills, the Department of Health, the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as the Office of the e-Envoy by contributing directly to the consultation process and, in many instances, leading relevant committees and government task forces and focal groups.



For more information about the ADL Initiative, visit [ADLNet.gov](http://ADLNet.gov).



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The United Kingdom (U.K.) Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Partnership Lab, located in Telford, England, is a collaborative effort with the Centre for Learning and Teaching at University of Wolverhampton and the Learning Lab, a public/private sector not-for-profit association. This Partnership Lab promotes the development and acceptance of global e-learning standards and is led by Professor Steve Molyneux, one of the U.K.'s leading experts in the exploitation of technology to support education and training. The U.S. and U.K. collaborate on the production of sharable content and joint research.

## Goals of the Lab



The Lab endeavors to assist the U.K. in becoming an e-learning nation by conducting the following activities:

- Supporting the U.K. government in raising educational standards
- Supporting U.K. businesses in the transition to knowledge-based organizations
- Conducting applied research in the e-learning field
- Raising awareness in the use of technology to support learning in its numerous forms, for all age groups and educational levels
- Supporting the U.K. government and organizations in their lifelong learning strategies.

## Using the Lab



The Lab has a showcase center that is a permanent exhibition of the latest technologies and products as well as a meeting room offering data projection, Internet access and video conferencing. Visitors can discuss individual problem areas with Lab staff, and view current and future developments in the field of learning technologies.

## Obtaining More Information



For more information about the U.K. ADL Partnership Lab, visit [www.ADLNet.gov](http://www.ADLNet.gov), [www.learninglab.org.uk](http://www.learninglab.org.uk), or contact:

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## ADL Co-Lab Network

The ADL Co-Laboratory Network is comprised of ADL Co-Labs, ADL Technology Centers and ADL Partnership Labs. While each uniquely contributes to the evolution of ADL in specialized areas, all share research, subject matter expertise, common tools and learning content. The ADL Co-Lab Network facilitates an open collaborative environment for sharing research, development and assessments.

The **ADL Co-Lab Hub**, located in Alexandria, Virginia, acts as the central organization for guiding, coordinating and integrating the operations of all ADL Co-Labs. The ADL Co-Lab Hub performs integrated research, assessments and documentation of the capabilities, costs, benefits and effectiveness of ADL, and performs science and technology investigations.

The **Academic ADL Co-Lab**, located in Madison, Wisconsin, serves as the focal point for academia in promoting high-quality, reusable content for distributed learning. The Academic ADL Co-Lab is the ADL academic link to test, evaluate and demonstrate ADL-compliant tools and next generation technologies to enhance teaching and learning.

The **Joint ADL Co-Lab**, located in Orlando, Florida, integrates instruction and technology to meet the military's training requirements. It promotes the implementation of ADL through research, development and consulting services for the Department of Defense (DoD). The Joint ADL Co-Lab administers the DoD ADL Prototype Program on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The **Workforce ADL Co-Lab**, located at the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee, is the catalyst of ADL implementation in industry, serving as a facilitator of the development and integration of ADL technologies to enhance the learning and training of the workforce of the future.

The **ADL Job Performance Technology Center**, located at the ADL Co-Lab Hub in Alexandria, Virginia, promotes research into job performance technologies, serves as an "honest broker" for federal government and DoD requirements gathering, and acts as a collaborative point and working lab in researching and creating demonstrations of job performance tools and standards.

The **ADL Technology Center**, located at Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, collaborates with all of the ADL Co-Labs to develop and validate SCORM concepts, technologies and utilities, and serves as the technical support of the ADL Initiative.

The ADL Co-Lab Network also includes several **ADL Partnership Labs** created outside of the United States giving the DoD a view of how ADL is embraced around the world. These ADL Partnership Labs promote the development and acceptance of global e-learning standards through their respective countries. Additionally each ADL Partnership Lab works with the ADL Co-Lab Hub to share research, lessons learned and technical evaluations on learning outcomes, and to collaborate on projects of mutual interest that will further expand ADL's research into the global community. Further information on the ADL Co-Lab Network, including a list of ADL Partnership Labs, can be found on [ADLNet.gov](http://ADLNet.gov).