

An introduction to HEaTED

Membership of HEaTED

The University of Sheffield has recently subscribed to HEaTED - a programme focused on changing the way the HE sector supports and develops its 30,000 technical staff.

What is HEaTED?

HEaTED is a national training and career development framework which aims to deliver tools and opportunities for technicians and allied specialist staff in the Higher Education Sector. Its vision is to create resources for the education, training and development of technicians and to bring the community together across the whole of the UK.

The HEaTED project aims to:

- Provide a representative body for the sector;
- Identify the relevant training and development needs across the sector;
- Fill the gap in the provision of training courses, seminars and materials relevant to the professional needs of the technical workforce;
- Provide an infrastructure aimed at the enhancement of career opportunities for the technical workforce;
- Address the gradual loss of skills inherent in an aging workforce;
- Review issues related to recruitment and retention;
- Create and disseminate a practicable strategy for change; and
- Provide a network of HEaTED Regional Networks and Co-ordinators (details attached).

What HEaTED Services can we access?

- Subsidised specialist courses and seminars for the Higher Education technical community nationally and regionally
- An annual UK conference for technical specialists, staff developers, and HR professionals
- An online Personal Development Resource Centre
- An online community of technicians through discussion forums
- Accredited Professional Development opportunities
- A skills database highlighting information on providers of technical training and development
- An information service to support institutional workforce planning
- A mentoring facility that is tailored specifically for technical, specialist and managerial staff
- Support devising, promoting, and delivering any training courses for HEaTED and your HEI

What do we do now?

To start getting benefits from our organisation's HEaTED membership there are several things you can do:

1. **HEaTED website** – take a look at the website <http://www.heated.ac.uk> where you will find lots of information on what HEaTED can do to support you. Details of how to access the members only area / VLE are enclosed
2. **Join the Regional HEaTED Network** – information on your Regional HEaTED Network Coordinators and the next meetings can be found at: http://www.heated.ac.uk/about_us.php
3. **Join the HEaTED JISCmail list** – JISCmail is the service which runs electronic discussion lists for UK academics and support staff. Send an email to: info@heated.ac.uk to join the discussion list for technical / specialist staff in HEIs.
4. **Courses** – the full list of courses available to our members can be found at: <http://www.heated.ac.uk/courses.php>

Logging into the HEaTED Virtual Learning Environment

(The members only side of the HEaTED website)

There are two distinct areas on the VLE, both of which are accessed by logging in to the member area of the VLE:

1. The specialist technical area where specialist resources are housed along with a whole range of other technical resources and information
2. The Personal Development area where the resources which are more generic in nature

To log in you need to register on the website with your email address and a password of you choosing as follows:

1. Go to www.heated.ac.uk and the 'Join us' Tab



2. Click on 'Technicians'



3. Fill in your details



4. Sign in with your email as your username and password you created to access the resources

