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# HE PROGRESS NOW - FINALLY, AN E-PORTFOLIO FOR HIGHER EDUCATION!

The first lecturers and students have started using AXIA Interactive Media's, *HE Progress now*, which is an e-portfolio that has been designed to support the assessment of Foundation degrees. The company showcased *HE Progress now*, at the JISC Yorkshire and Humber e-learning conference in York on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

*HE Progress now* has been designed through a joint project with the West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network Business sector group, although it can be used with Foundation degrees for all occupational sectors.

Chris Peat, Customer Services Director, explains...

*"For many people enrolled on Foundation degrees this is their first experience of Higher Education and they can find the requirements of this academic environment daunting. What HE Progress Now offers, is an e-portfolio that guides and supports Learners through the process of creating assignments, and provides them with the opportunity to receive regular and structured feedback on their work. In addition the e-portfolio enables the learner to easily capture and attach evidence of their learning which they create in the workplace."*

AXIA Interactive media believe that the type of e-portfolio they develop is ideal for this purpose. They say it is far more than just a 'depository' for work that a student has produced. As a result of the comprehensive administrative tool that underpins the platform *HE Progress now* is able to support the creation of multiple relationships between a learner's work and a particular assessment task. It is also possible to control who is allowed to interact with that work and what they are able to do. All assessment feedback including first and second marks is automatically dated, recorded, and available for review. Several reports, which are required for Examination Boards, can be instantly created.

*"The benefit to the learner is that everything is clear. They are allocated the relevant assignments and receive any supportive information. Their submissions can be made electronically and they can add any supplementary evidence to illustrate and authenticate their work. Files in a range of formats can be added in the same way you would attach a document to an e-mail. They can request feedback on their work up to the point it is submitted for final marking. If they want to request an extension, they can do this online. There are also numbers of other benefits to the learner; the system enables them to create and edit their own CV..."*

*...The tutor benefits by being sure all their learners have access to key information about their assignments. They can also easily attach any additional information to assist their learners. All requests for feedback can be tracked and answered. When final marking occurs, all the assignments are available in one place."*

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