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IET's aim is to maintain the Open University at the forefront of teaching and learning. It achieves this by a mixture of research and support with its staff working with colleagues in all faculties and areas of the University. The IET UserLab focuses on research and development in creating the next generation of e-learning tools, and finding out how they can be meet the needs of teachers and learners.

20 January 2006 JISC funding for work on Moodle and LAMS

IET has received funding from JISC for a £50K project called JoinIn to work on a tool that will bring together groups of students working in the Moodle environment to take part in activities that are controlled by the open source LAMS system. The work in IET will involve Patrick McAndrew, Alex Little and Martin Weller with Niall Sclater providing links to the VLE work in the OU. The project is in partnership with Professor James Dalziel of LAMS International and Macquarie University, Australia.