

RELU Modelling and Social Learning

First Workshop - 21st July 2004, Milton Keynes

The purpose of the first network workshop is:

- to learn more about the different kinds of modelling expertise within the consortium, and their application to social learning.
- to explore relevant action contexts.
- to identify emerging research issues within the modelling and social learning remit.

Plan for the day

9:30 – 10:00	Tea and informal introductions
10:00	“Show and tell” on modelling
10:30	Introduction to the RELU programme
11:15	Discussion – modelling as practice
12:15	“Show and tell” on social learning
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Describing research contexts
15:00	Identifying research agendas
16:00	Coffee
16:15	Next steps

Practical arrangements

We can cover travel costs for all workshop participants. We also have funds to cover accommodation where needed. Please contact Chris High if you would like help making arrangements. Expenses will be settled using claim forms (available on the day).

Preparations

We've tried to keep preparations quite light. There will be a 'think-piece' paper on the website next week, and you may like to look at the other resources flagged there if you haven't already.

Some invitees have also been asked to bring specific models or posters.

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Travel to Walton Hall

Location

The Open University has its headquarters at Walton Hall, in Milton Keynes which is midway between London and Birmingham, and Oxford and Cambridge. The OU is sited on the South East side of Milton Keynes. It is close to Junctions 13 and 14 of the M1.

By Car

From M1, Junction 14: Follow signs for Milton Keynes, taking A509 to first roundabout (Northfield roundabout). Take first left A5130 signposted to Woburn Sands for two miles. At next roundabout (Kingston roundabout) with BP garage on left, take third exit signposted A5/Aylesbury/Dunstable/Walnut Tree/Universities. Go straight over the next roundabout (Walnut Tree). At the following roundabout (Walton), turn right, then first left for the East entrance to the campus. Main reception is located in the Berrill Building.

From M1, Junction 13: Follow signs for Milton Keynes, taking A421 for 3 1/2 miles to the Kingston roundabout. Take second exit onto Groveway (H9), signposted A5/Aylesbury/Dunstable/Walnut Tree/Universities. Go straight over the next roundabout (Walnut Tree). At the following roundabout (Walton), turn right, then first left for the East entrance to the campus. Main reception is located in the Berrill Building.

By Train

The University is about four miles from Milton Keynes Central station, on the London (Euston) to Birmingham line. MK Central is an Intercity stop. Trains are frequent and the journey time from Euston varies between 35-60 minutes. There is a taxi rank outside the station – ask for the Berrill building at the Open University

Maps are available on-line at: www.open.ac.uk/maps

On arrival:

Please report to the Berrill reception, where a member of the team will be ready to take you to the Central Meeting Rooms.

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Workshop Participants

Confirmed to attend:

Ray Ison (OU)
Chris Blackmore (OU)
Andrea Berardi (OU)
Chris High (OU)
John Dearing (Liverpool)
Andy Plater (Liverpool)
John Wainwright (KCL)
John Colvin (Environment Agency)
Richard Nyirenda (UWS)
Mark Pelling (KCL)
Kevin Collins (OU)
Steve Peake (OU)

Possible, but not confirmed:

??? (Macaulay)
??? (RELU programme team)
David Forrow (Environment Agency)
Bob Harrison (Environment Agency)
Martin Griffiths (Environment Agency)
David Wilkinson (Environment Agency)
Tony Nixon (OU)
Karen Shipp (OU)
David Gowing (OU)
Peter Robbins (OU)

Invited, but unable to attend

Nicola Richmond (Liverpool)
Andy Morse (Liverpool)
Mandy Haggith (Worldforests.org)
Clive Potter (Imperial College)
Robert Muetzelfeldt (Edinburgh)
Robin Matthews (Macaulay)
Tamsin Cooper (Imperial College)
Steve Fletcher (Environment Agency)