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Steve is a global educator, teaching online, and on a number of undergraduate and post-graduate teacher education programmes in the UK and overseas. He researches into technology supported learning and distance education, with particular emphasis on the pedagogy underlying the use of social media and Web 2.0 technologies, and he also has research interests in mobile learning and cyber-cultures. Steve is regularly [invited to speak](#) about his work and has given keynotes and invited lectures to audiences in more than 30 countries across 5 continents. He is currently involved in several research programmes related to technology supported learning, digital praxis, social media and handheld technologies.

Steve is the author of more than 150 scholarly articles, with over 3500 academic citations and is an active and prolific edublogger. His blog [Learning with 'e's](#) is a regular online commentary on the social and cultural impact of disruptive technologies, and the application of digital media in education, learning and development. It has attracted more than 4 million unique visitors.

Between 2003-2013 Steve was chair of the [Plymouth e-Learning Conference](#), and between 2008-2011 was also co-editor of the journal [Interactive Learning Environments](#). He serves on the editorial boards of a number of learning technology and education related open access academic journals including [Research in Learning Technology](#) (formerly ALT-J), the [International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning](#) (IRRODL), the [European Journal of Open, Distance and eLearning](#) (EURODL) and [Digital Culture and Education](#). He has served on the organising and executive committees of a number of international academic conferences, including ALT-C, ICL, EDEN, IFIP and AICT.

In 2008 Steve was awarded a Fellowship by the [European Distance and E-learning Network](#) (EDEN), in 2011 he was elected to serve as a member of the Steering group of EDEN's Network of Academics and Professionals (NAP), and in 2014 was elected as the chair. Between 2008-2013 he also served as chair of the influential worldwide research group IFIP Technical Committee Working Group 3.6 (distance education) and is author of several books including [The Digital Classroom](#) (Routledge: 2008) and [Connected Minds, Emerging Cultures](#) (Information Age: 2009). His next book, [Learning with 'e's](#) will be published by Crown House in February 2015. He lives in Plymouth, on the South West coast of England.

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