

Virtual Gallery – Arts & Crafts

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Devon ACL has a password-protected 'Moodle' website to support teaching and learning. Amongst other things, this offers a virtual gallery facility – which could be a good place to:

- record learners' work as it progresses
- showcase completed work
- put images that you want learners to study – or be inspired by

1. What is a Virtual Gallery?

A virtual gallery is a place where users can upload photos of work – normally so that other people can view them. On the DACL Moodle, the standard gallery has two 'views'. In '**list view**' you see a number of images in miniature, each with a description, like this:



If you click on a miniature image you then get it as a larger image in '**single view**' like this:



2. Features of a virtual gallery on Moodle

- The standard gallery comes with miniatures that are **60 x 60 pixels**
- 'Single view' images are **300** pixels tall. These sizes can be changed if required.
- Each image is uploaded as a normal digital photo then Moodle automatically produces a miniature from it
- The miniature is **square** (extra width or height is cut off to do this if necessary)
- The Single view image is shown in its **correct proportions**

- The gallery can be set so that **only the tutor** can upload images and type in text
- Or it can be set to **allow learners to upload** their own images & text as well – in which case the tutor can 'vet' images before they are visible to anyone else.
- The tutor can **remove any image** and **edit any text**, regardless of who uploaded it
- Learners who have uploaded images or text can **remove or edit them** later if they want – but only items they uploaded and not those from the tutor or other learners

Normally, the virtual gallery is set so that it can only be viewed by learners who have been issued with a username and password. Each individual learner can have their own username and password or a group may all share a single username and password if this makes things easier.

3. What is Moodle?

Moodle is the name of a piece of software. It enables us to run a website where there are a number of separate areas, each related to one course or purpose. Moodle allows us to set up areas for individual tutors or subjects, so that:

- Tutors can **add things to** and **change** an online area
- Learners can **look at** and **contribute to** an online area - but not change it

The DACL Moodle site is not difficult to use – mainly requiring 'point & click' web skills. (*and Moodle stands for **Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment***)

4. If you would like a virtual gallery on the DACL Moodle...

- i. Contact Ralph Cullimore (via ralph.cullimore@devon.gov.uk) and request a gallery
- ii. In the standard gallery you get space for one piece of text for each image – as in the screen shots above. If you want extra text items (eg date, learner name, category) then you can request these too.
- iii. Say whether you want just you (as tutor) to be able to upload images or whether you want your learners to be able to do this as well.
- iv. You will then receive an email back with details of your virtual gallery and how to upload things to it, view it, get learners to view it etc.

5. Copyright Issues

Under UK copyright law, any piece of original creative work receives automatic copyright protection as soon as it is recorded in any way – eg on paper, on film or as a digital image. Uploading a photo of a work to the Internet does not change this copyright protection.

The copyright of the piece of work belongs to the original creator of the work – in this case the learner – unless it was produced in the course of their employment (in which case it may belong to their employer).

For additional information on copyright issues, see www.ipo.gov.uk