

## The GRASS project in a nutshell

The GRASS (**G**enerating **R**esources and **A**ccess to **S**creen capture **S**oftware) project aims to enable, enhance and support access to screen capture technology across the University. Drawing on a range of successful pilot projects run by the Departments of Politics, Economics, English Literature and Chemistry the GRASS project will support the use of screen capture technology in order to enable further adoption of innovative approaches including 'the flipped classroom' and study support screencasts but also video feedback and the use of screencasts for assessment.

### Welcome to our first newsletter!

The GRASS project is due to begin in September 2014, but we have been gearing up already, keen to get on with our key aims:

- To equip staff and students in screen capture technology.
- To generate facilities for the creation of screencasts.
- To disseminate good practice across the university.

#### How might this help you?

- We will share our screencasts.
- The team will show you how to make effective screencasts.
- We will provide technical support, in your own department.



### The GRASS team

We will be bringing in a technical advisor to support the project and to help you to make screencasts.

The GRASS project is being run by a team of three:



Emma Mayhew (Department of Politics and International Relations)

Emma will be using the project to create a suite of screencasts.



Cindy Becker (Department of English Literature)

Cindy will be looking at student assessment and peer-to-peer learning through screencasts.



David Nutt (Department of Chemistry)

David is interested in assessing the educational impact of screencasts.

### Making your voice heard: our UROP students want to hear from you!

We are delighted to welcome two UROP students to the project. Nicola and Kirsten will be working with us until the middle of July. Their brief is to find out as much as possible about how colleagues are already using learning capture and screencast technology. They are sending out questionnaires and interviewing staff. If you could spare a few minutes to share your thoughts, please contact Cindy on [l.m.becker@reading.ac.uk](mailto:l.m.becker@reading.ac.uk)

### Coming to see you...

One of our principal tasks on this project will be to visit colleagues across the university to show them some of the exciting things we have been doing with screencasts and to offer practical support with both technology and pedagogy. If you are planning a department meeting and would like us to come along to give a brief presentation, followed by a session for your staff with our technical advisor, do contact Emma on [e.a.mayhew@reading.ac.uk](mailto:e.a.mayhew@reading.ac.uk)