

Dumfries and Galloway – e-portfolio experiences

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What have you done with your e-portfolio?

I've used the e-portfolio to log things I've done in the college, put some of the pictures up of some of the stuff I've done in brickwork and plumbing.

Show the things that I've done in class. I've uploaded photos, kept like a diary of all the stuff I've done in class... all the practical work.

I've used the e-portfolio to gather evidence of all the work I've done, possibly to show prospective employers.

Nothing really. I've not put it into practice.

For writing CVs and storing pictures of work we've done in practical classes.

The online learning and different websites relate to employability skills

In the courses in that 'ready for work' website

We've used our e-portfolios for our learning styles and for our SWOT analysis

I've used e-portfolios for employers to view my CV on. I used it to show some photos of what I've done in the college.

What are your good and bad points about e-portfolios?

If it's done by digital camera you can just download images straight on to your e-portfolio instead of having to print them off and getting them the right size and everything.

It's an advantage having an e-portfolio because you can just stick it straight on to a job letter instead of sending out a CV and lots of other pieces of paper. Also, the CV will go out of date just as soon as you post it but the e-portfolio you can keep updating after you've sent the letter away.

Good thing about e-portfolio is you can put as much on as you want, there's no real limit on what you can put on it.

Personally, I don't think there's any bad points.

The bad thing is when you're posting it on to the actual thing it takes a while to actually load it if it's a big amount of memory so it does take a wee while.

I just prefer going in with a CV and having an interview like that because I never really had an interest in e-portfolio, and thought it was quite difficult to get started on it.

Would you encourage other students to use an e-portfolio?

I would encourage them to get an e-portfolio because it's handy.

I'd encourage someone to have an e-portfolio if they haven't already got one because it's good for a lot of things, just to evaluate yourself and to show employers.

A good reason to have the e-portfolio for someone who's not used it before is you can log stuff down and keep stuff up to date – you can't lose it like if you were just doing it on a piece of paper. You can back it up and edit it any time you want.

How do you feel the e-portfolio has affected your employability?

I think it's improved my employability and my employability skills because it's shown me where I have to improve and what I'm pretty strong at.

I've learned a lot during the employability skills course. I never knew there was as much in the employability skills apart from the Health and Safety, I never knew it was learning styles or anything along those lines.

I think the e-portfolio tells the employer a lot more about ourselves than what a CV would.

I think it shows the employer more because all of the other boys at the Job Centre were handing in their CVs and that didn't say much about them.

It can help you get a job because you can send the employers your e-portfolio and then they can look at it before you go for the job and they can see what it's like.

I think it's helpful to employers because it gives them a view of what you've been doing it lets them know what kind of things you enjoy doing and you can give photos of what you have done to show them how good you are at it.

Rate your e-Portfolio experience on a scale from 1 to 10

About 7 out of 10

I'd rate the e-portfolio about a 7 as well because keep changing stuff gets a bit boring.

I would rate the e-portfolio 10 out of 10.

On a scale of 1 to 10 I'd probably say 8

I'd give it a 3, I've given it something because it could work for other people it's just not for everyone. *(Note: This is the interviewee who did not put the e-portfolio into practice).*

Eight out of 10 because it's really useful in some places.

On a scale of 1 to 10 I'd rate the e-portfolio about a 7 because it can get a bit boring constantly updating and things like that.

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I feel that I've become more confident myself because at the start of the course we were a bit nervous, wouldn't talk to each other, now we can joke around and have a laugh. I would say it's made the group more confident.