

Stephen Downes

Born in [Montreal](#), Quebec, [Stephen Downes](#) lived and worked across [Canada](#) before joining the [National Research Council](#) as a senior researcher in November, 2001. Currently based in [Moncton](#), New Brunswick, at the [Institute for Information Technology](#)'s Internet Logic Research Group, Stephen has become a leading voice in the areas of learning objects and metadata, weblogs in education, content syndication, digital rights and related issues.

Stephen is perhaps best known for his daily research newsletter, [OLDaily](#) (short for Online Learning Daily), which reaches thousands of readers across Canada and around the world. His work also includes the development of educational content syndication systems such as [Edu_RSS](#) and [DLORN](#) along and the design of a [digital rights management system](#) for learning resources. Stephen is also frequently to be found the road giving [seminars and lectures](#) on the field of online learning.

Graeme Duncan

Graeme is the Chief Executive Officer of Caspian Learning where he has responsibility for all strategic planning, commercial, operational and partnering activities. Graeme is a leading expert on the development, use and deployment of games based learning applications and tools. His passion lies in, ensuring that learning solutions are highly engaging, active and improve the problem solving skills and thinking abilities of the learners

Caspian deliver "performance simulations" within 3D worlds to improve learner motivation and skills. Caspian have developed over 40 different highly immersive learning journeys in a wide range of sectors and countries through their unique technology platform Thinking Worlds™.

Graeme has given a wide range of talks on the subject area of "serious games" and the use of simulations, virtual worlds and games including, Serious Games DC 2004, Serious Games Europe 2005, International Serious Games Event 2006, Applying Serious Games 2006, British Computer Society and Online Educa 2005 and 2006. Graeme has also written for many publications on these topic including, E-learning Age, HRC, HRD, HR Zone, Serious Games Source and IT Training.

Jenny Emby, Learning Consultant, SkillSoft

Graduated with a degree in theoretical physics from Oxford. Spent a few years in Operational Research but, after doing post-graduate study at London, worked extensively in education at secondary and tertiary levels.

Requalified with a masters in Computer Science. Worked in IT spending many years doing research in advanced database design. The rise of the internet made it possible to put into practice the emerging ideas of using IT in education and the last 10 years have been spent doing just that, both as e-learning manager for a BAe Systems JV company and lately with SkillSoft.

CLIVE SHEPHERD

Clive is a consultant specialising in e-learning, blended learning and communications. He works with a broad range of public and private sector organisations, helping them to effectively harness the benefits of technology for workplace learning. He established his interest in interactive media while Director, Training and Creative Services for American Express in EMEA. He went on to co-found Epic Group plc, the UK's major producer of custom e-learning, where he won many industry awards. He is widely acknowledged as one of the UK's foremost experts in e-learning, with more than one hundred published articles and four books/e-books to his name. He speaks regularly at major international conferences and contributes regularly to his blog, Clive on Learning. He was recognised for his Outstanding Contribution to the Training Industry at the World of Learning Conference in 2004 and is currently Chairman of the eLearning Network.