

## John Connell



*I have just been appointed to Cisco's Emerging Markets team as a lead educationist in a Business Development role. The Emerging Markets theatre, for Cisco, covers South America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Russia. My role will be to develop a vision for the deployment of technology in education, and then to work with Cisco's sales teams across this vast theatre, and with customers, to help them develop local solutions to suit local requirements on the basis of the overall vision. I am looking forward immensely to the challenge.*

### **Outline of Career**

I have been, at progressive points in my career, a teacher, headteacher, local government officer, national policy analyst, project-manager, Director of the ambitious Scottish Schools Digital Network (SSDN), and latterly a Technology Strategist working in the Web 2.0 arena. I have worked successfully at every level in Scottish education. Like so many people across this small country, I am committed to promoting a humane and enlightened education system that meets the real needs of our young people today. I recognised the potential of the information and communications technologies the moment the first BBC A 'microcomputers' began appearing in Scottish schools in the early 1980s, and I have continued to push the boundaries of the possibilities offered by ICT as the technology itself has developed over the years.

I was offered the chance to initiate the Scottish Schools Digital Network project, now named Glow, in late 2001, in the Scottish Executive, and I managed it - with superb support from great colleagues in the Scottish Executive itself, LT Scotland, the local authorities and the industry.



Glow's far-sighted vision, drawn together at a time when its internal logic was not as obvious as it is today, offers a wholly web-delivered learning platform that combines a massively integrated collaborative environment with a virtual teaching and learning environment, fully-authenticated and delivered to every single school in the country. It's exploitation of the Web means that it will deliver anywhere, anytime learning to every Glow user, a reality that begins to ask real questions of the nature of school-based learning as it currently exists.

## Stephen Molyneux



Professor Stephen Molyneux is recognised as a key player in e-Learning and as such is one of the UK's leading movers and shakers in the use of technologies to support education, training and the transformation of communities towards the Knowledge-Economy.

He is currently (2006) Director of the Learning Lab and Director of the ADL Partnership Lab (UK). In the past he has held the Microsoft Chair of Advanced Learning Technologies, the IBM Chair of Information & Communication Technologies and the Asymetrix Chair of Multimedia at the University of Wolverhampton with whom he still works closely. In 1994 he developed one of the first Virtual Learning Environmnet (VLE/LMS) in the UK which was marketed under the brand learnwise by Granada Learning.

In addition to his running the Labs he also has a number of personal Consultancy roles. Molyneux is Special Adviser to the Ministry of Defence on Training & Education where he is responsible to the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Personnel) in assisting the Directorate General Training & Education (DGT&E) with the procurement of an £18 Billion Defence Training Transformation initiative. He also acts as a consultant to a number of Defence Colleges, UK Local Authorities, City Academies and Companies on their education and technology strategies as well as providing 'blue-sky' consultancy to Technology providers.

Molyneux has contributed to UK National and International strategic policy papers as a member of the UK Distributed Electronic Learning Group (DELG) of the Learning and Skills Council, a member of the Digital Content group of the UK Department for Trade and Industry and a member of the UK Department for Education and Skills Post-16 e-Learning Strategy Task-force. He has assisted a number of other UK Government Departments including the Cabinet Office, the Department of Health and Her Majesties Revenue and Customs, He was a member of the Institute of IT Training e-Learning Standards Committee and continues to play an important role in shaping the future of e-Learning on a global scale. He was a founding member of the Broadband Stakeholder Group Executive with responsibility for the Education and Training sector, advising the UK Government on Broadband deployment strategies across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland and Senior Advisor to the e-Parliament on Education. He has also worked closely with the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Executive in meeting the needs of the Scottish Digital Economy.

Internationally, Molyneux has contributed to the use of technology to support education and training in a number of Countries including the United States, Germany and Singapore. Molyneux is often asked to provide advice on the strategic use of ICT and Broadband Infrastructure to National, European and International Clients from both the Public and Private sector.