

Online talk about Future of Education, with Professor Peter Scott



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On **24th of May 2013 (1 PM Brussels time / CET)**, as part of the "Future Fridays" series of webinars on Futurium, Professor Peter Scott, Director of the Knowledge Media Institute, will present his vision of the Future of Education & Learning

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Professor **Peter Scott** is the Director of the Knowledge Media Institute of the UK's Open University. KMI is a Research and Development Unit, which explores the future of learning. He has a BA & PhD in Psychology. Before joining the Open University in 1995, he taught Psychology & Cognitive Science at the University of Sheffield, with a textbook in each of these subjects. From 2007-10 he was elected founding President of the European Association of Technology Enhanced Learning.

From 2008-12 Peter was the coordinator of STELLAR, the EU's 7th Framework Network of Excellence in TEL. Peter's research group in the institute, prototypes the application of new technologies and media to learning.

Peter's current research interests range widely across knowledge and media research. Three key threads are: telepresence; streaming media systems; and ubiquity.

In June 2008 he coordinated the launch of The Open University in iTunes U, which passed 60 Million international downloads in January 2013. Peter is currently musing on how to exceed that milestone...

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