



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the new look ECDL Foundation newsletter. All of the articles featured in this month's edition can also be found on our website at ecdl.org/news.

Information Literacy Module Launched by ECDL Foundation

ECDL Foundation launched its latest module, Information Literacy at an event in Prague, Czech Republic, this month. The module covers the essentials of finding, evaluating and working with online information.

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OCG Celebrates 20th Birthday of ECDL in Austria

OCG celebrated 20 years of ECDL in Austria with an event in Vienna attended by the Austrian Federal Minister for Education, Sonja Hammerschmid, the Rector of TU Wien, Sabine Seidler, OCG President Markus Klemen, and ECDL Foundation CEO, Damien O'Sullivan.

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ECDL & ICDL AROUND THE WORLD



USMA Becomes the First ICDL Test Centre in Panama

Santa María La Antigua Catholic University (USMA) in Panama completed its accreditation process as an ICDL Accredited Test Centre, becoming the first in the country.

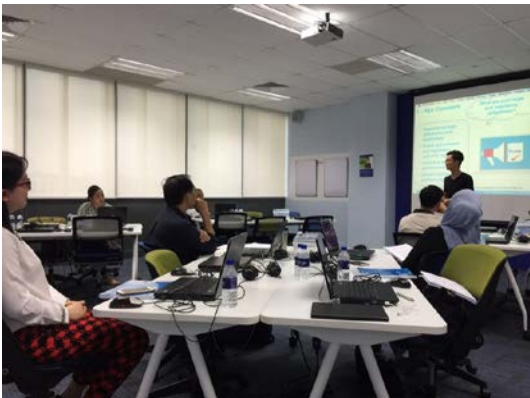
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Workshop Highlights Value of ICDL to Tunisian Education Ministry

Participants from across Tunisia took part in a recent workshop on ICDL, organised after a number of meetings between Specto, the ICDL National Operator in Tunisia, and the Tunisian Ministry of Education. The workshop was supervised by the General Director of the National Center for Technologies in Education, Eng. Skandar Ghenia.

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Digital Marketing 'Train the Trainers' Session Held in Singapore

ICDL Asia held a Train the Trainers session for the new ICDL Digital Marketing module at the Kaplan@Devan Nair Institute in Singapore. The event allowed participants from Accredited Test Centres to learn about the new module, covering the syllabus in an interesting and informative way. Following the event, the first pilot class for Digital Marketing will take place in May.

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Successful Kenyan ‘Train the Trainer’ Workshop Highlights ICT in Education Module

A three-day ‘Train the Trainer’ (TTT) programme in Kenya took place in early April, providing ICDL trainers from various Kenyan Accredited Test Centres (ATC) the opportunity to update their skills and learn about new ICDL modules.

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ECDL Foundation To Participate in 2017 World Conference on Computing in Education

ECDL Foundation's Head of Programme Standards, Frank Mockler, will chair a symposium on “Initiatives to Promote and Develop Students’ Computing Skills” at the World Conference on Computing in Education (WCCE2017.com) in Dublin in July. The symposium will also include participants from the Italian, Lithuanian, Irish and Polish ECDL National Operators, as well as from the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC).

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Millions Lack Digital Skills in UK According to Latest Consumer Digital Index

According to a new index in the UK, 11.5 million people are lacking basic digital skills. The index, published by Lloyds Banking Group, is designed to show the level of digital skills of adults in the UK. It showed that, while 1.1 million people developed basic digital skills over the past year, there is still a substantial number of people who do not have skills for basic ICT use, including using the internet. The index also shows that half of those over 65 years of age lack basic digital skills.

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Value of Certification Highlighted in ‘Global Knowledge’ IT Skills and Salary Survey

The 10th annual IT Skills and Salary Survey has been published by Global Knowledge, finding significant digital skills gaps. According to the survey, two-thirds of IT decision-makers reported a gap in the levels of skills and knowledge needed to meet their goals.

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Students' Personal Data At Risk According to New Report

A new report by the Electronic Frontier Foundation has revealed that sensitive personal data of school students in the United States is being collected and stored by technology companies. The report, titled, 'Spying on Students: School-Issued Devices and Student Privacy', found that data such as names, dates of birth, browsing history and location data, is being captured and stored, in many cases without privacy protection or understanding and consent from parents.

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New Computing Sample Tests for Python Available

ECDL Foundation has published a new ECDL Computing module sample test for Python 3. The test is available to download from the module page.

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EU POLICY NEWS

EU Group Identifies Key Digital Skills Challenges & ECDL Best Practice

The main challenges facing Europe in tackling digital skills gaps have been identified in a new initiative from a European Commission-led expert group. The group, which brought together representatives of public authorities from across the EU, worked to produce a 'shared concept' for a digital skills strategy that can be used by Member States as guidance in developing their own digital skills strategies at the national level.

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EU Study Maps Media Literacy Projects Around Europe

A new study, titled, 'Mapping of Media Literacy Practices and Actions in EU-28', has been published by the European Commission, providing a snapshot of trends in media literacy projects that are being implemented by stakeholders across the EU.

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BLOG



You Won't Believe How Much Information We Have to Deal With Online

Daily life can feel like information overload these days. A study in the US by the University of California San Diego estimated that in 2015, Americans would consume approximately 74 gigabytes of data on average every single day! That figure is still growing, as technology becomes more and more present in our lives, delivering increasing amounts of news, opinions, research, gossip, and other information. It is no understatement to say that it can be hard to keep up, and a challenge to filter out the right information from the wrong.

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20 Things You Didn't Know About ICDL - No. 5

SEVERAL AWARD-WINNING ICDL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES Several of our national operators have conducted successful projects in prisons and juvenile detention centres. The education facility of the Josefstadt prison in Vienna, Austria along with the Austrian Computer Society provides ECDL training to juvenile delinquents between 14 and 18 years old and young adults between 18 and 21. The ultimate objective of the facility is to prepare the inmates for life after prison and "vocational reintegration". It is believed that ECDL improves the chances for detainees to find a job on the labour market soon after their release.

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Inspiring ICDL Candidates: Vishal Morey, New Zealand

After taking 8 years out as a full-time mum, Vishal Morey in New Zealand found her computer knowledge very rusty. She needed to gain new skills and refresh what she already knew. Vishal talks about her experience with KiwiSkills which is free computer training for jobseekers that offers the ICDL programme.

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