

Improve your learning and employability





#### What is ePortfolio?

- Specifically designed in house to support your reflective and effective learning.
- Helps you understand:
  - what you are learning and where this learning fits into your previous learning
  - how you learn best and what motivates you to learn
  - why the learning has been useful and what you think you still need to learn
- Allows collaboration with others which makes learning more enjoyable.
- It also supports your personal tutoring and improves your employability skills.





'Reflective learners are likely to be more self-critical, self-aware and independent in their learning, motivated, self-managed and open to feedback and different approaches' JISC

'This is probably the best bit of the ePortfolio: getting support and ideas from other students, and knowing that you're all "in the same boat" and going through similar experiences. Everybody has something to bring and encourage others with'



'It was a great way to see how I had progressed and whether I had kept to my targets or not'

### What does ePortfolio do?

- Helps reflective learning ePortfolio reinforces your reflective practice through personal blogs which you can share with others.
- Increases collaboration ePortfolio supports learning through communities. You can set up specific communities to share and support group work and discussion with other students and staff so learning becomes more effective, enjoyable and fun.
- Complements personal tutoring ePortfolio is a convenient way to record your personal tutor meetings. Meeting slots can be created by tutors, giving you an easy way to book tutorials, and provides a single online record of meetings and action points which helps clear, effective communication between you and your tutor.
- Enhances employability skills ePortfolio aids personal development planning (PDP) by highlighting the employability skills and attributes you are developing at university which is linked with the Graduate Skills Framework. ePortfolio also has a CV Builder and Action Plan which enables you to become more effective, reflective and employable!

# Why use the ePortfolio?

- Mobile friendly and easy to use anywhere home or on the move!
- Encourages you to think about your learning and see the progress that you are making over time towards your goals.
- Helps you get organised as everything is one place for your tutor meetings, CVs and blogs.
- Allows collaborative learning with others you decide who and what you want to share.
- Flexible around your specific needs you create your own learning space and records tailored to your needs. Also creates a less stressful environment as everything is in one place – no lost bits of paper!
- Unique to Newcastle University and carefully designed to meet your learning needs.
- Lots of help and support within the ePortfolio system to get you started and develop reflective learning practices.



'It is good for setting targets and hence tracking progress'







#### Accessing ePortfolio

# https://portfolio.ncl.ac.uk

Or from Blackboard https://blackboard.ncl.ac.uk



Or from the student homepage https://my.ncl.ac.uk/students/



Encourages reflective practise



Improves your employability



Supports your personal tutoring



Helps you organise your workload



Helps you to prepare for work



Work together with your peers

