

Understanding the essence(s) of portfolio-based learning.

**A collaborative international seminar
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Introducing us...

The Centre for Recording Achievement www.recordingachievement.ac.uk is a membership organisation, registered educational charity and community of practice that promotes the value of both recording achievement and reflective action planning as important elements for learning and for progression throughout life. Members are drawn from education, training and employment in the UK and internationally.

- Core organisation for Personal Development Planning in the UK.
- Key lead on developing, trialling and implementing the Higher Education Achievement Report (UK).
- Core Partner, Europortfolio Project.
- An international enabling partner of Curate, Credential and Carry Forward Digital Learning Evidence (Australia).
- Reciprocal member of AAEEBL - and AAEEBL of CRA!



A brief Intro to AAEEBL

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“Able”

- **A**ssociation for
- **A**uthentic,
- **E**xperiential and
- **E**vidence-
- **B**ased
- **L**earning



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U. S. Non-Profit

- “Operating Foundation,” tax-exempt, mission to do public good.
- Bottom line: provide services (not gain profit).
- Board of Directors – Chair is Tracy Penny-Light.
- Founded in 2009; membership-driven; enjoys corporate contributions.

Services

- Annual International Conference
- Four U. S. regional conferences each year
- Webinar Series
- AAEEBL ePortfolio Review, 3 times a year, will launch this summer.
- Partners: AAC&U, IJeP, EPAC, CRA
- Assists in AAC&U Eportfolio Forum each year.

U. S.

- Academic ePortfolio Market is big
- 4,000 institutions of higher learning
- A major industry driving U. S. economy.
- Nearly all institutions have eportfolio



ePortfolio Uses

- Biggest expenditure is for tracking student progress toward learning outcomes.
- Growth area: eportfolios for corporate recruiting
- AAEEBL focus – learning.
- Other uses: advising, career development, capstone.

Acknowledgements and domestics...



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Day 1 'Altogether now' the Playfair Library, Old College

A colloquium format allowing participants to appreciate 'leading edge' thinking, enlarge their own understandings, and contribute to the understandings of us all.

'leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.'



On toward 'ships and boats': from a Student at beginning of their 2nd year (2010)

- *after the first six weeks you're just literally thrown into the work and that's it.... you float, swim or drown...*
- *then throwing in eportfolio on top of that, it's like... just chaining that bit of weight to a foot...*
- *which .. we can open up and ...use to float...*
- *but that's if we can, if we know how to...*