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CATALOGUE

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The Materials Research School Equipment Database

This is a highly successful system for staff and students to browse, search, identify and locate materials related research equipment and facilities across campus. Since its launch in 2009, the database has continued to expand, and it now contains a wealth of information on over 800 items, including their specification, custodian, location, handbook, access requirements, usage data and photos. New items are being added constantly and both benefits to research and demonstrable savings in cost and time have already been achieved.

What is Kit-Catalogue?

Recognising the potential for both optimising the use of equipment and environmental benefits of the database, Loughborough University's Engineering Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (engCETL) successfully bid for project funding, under JISC's Greening ICT programme, to build upon the existing equipment database. This new project, named Kit-Catalogue, aims to further reduce potentially costly duplication of equipment within HE institutions, instead maximising the use of equipment across the organisation, and will facilitate the sharing of resources across institutions. Furthermore, the system can also be opened up externally, allowing companies and other third parties to utilise equipment.

Why you should use Kit-Catalogue

The Kit-Catalogue software will also be released under an open source license, so other HE institutions are free to install and deploy their own equipment databases. Each institution can then better utilise the assets already in existence and lessen the need for duplication: working towards a more efficient and sustainable organisation. Kit-Catalogue will also enhance the opportunity for use of specialist equipment locally by HEIs, Industry and Small to Medium Enterprises.

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