eSharing

What is eSharing? The eSharing application is designed to help Ashridge faculty and participants share knowledge, information and learning experiences appropriate to their programme. It is also used by our consultants, enabling them to work more effectively with their clients. eSharing applications are Internet based and intuitive to use.

Why use an eSharing facility?

- A single point of access for all programme related material available from anywhere in the world. Many of our clients appreciate the ability to use an Ashridge supported Facility as they may have many different systems throughout their organisations for communication.
- The eSharing facility is a good place to obtain pre-course reading and course participants can also use it to store materials for when they return to the workplace, avoiding the need to carry large amounts of paper.
- Learning can continue in between modules and a virtual learning community can keep the momentum going until the next module. It can also be used after the programme to enable participants to reflect on their learning and help them transfer their experiences back into the workplace.

Can the eSharing application be tailored?

The *e*Sharing application can be tailored for clients to incorporate their look and feel and provide some additional functionality. Prices for standard and tailored applications available on request.

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Why use an *e*Sharing facility?



Document store

eSharing makes it easy to share all forms of documents from Powerpoint slides to Word files. It creates one single storage area for course participants to share information and knowledge and is also used by faculty members to post up pre-course reading and materials related to the programme.

People

This area helps to create a community. Course participants can post up details about themselves as a way of introduction and for keeping in touch after the programme. By entering their email address and checking the relevant boxes they may also be informed of updates to the *e*Sharing areas of their choice.



Discussion

The discussion area enables communication between faculty and course participants. It can also be organised around learning support and project groups. Discussions are threaded by comments and responses and build up a good record of ideas and knowledge. Having entered their email address in the bio notes area, they can be notified of responses to their comments and questions.



Info packs from sources

This area can be used for project work and gives access to specific information collated from sources in our world renowned Learning Resource Centre. The packs are compiled by experts in the Learning Resource Centre. Examples of materials might include links to full text journal articles.



Photographs

An area used by course administrator to share photos of events, which took place during the programme and in some cases to give participants a flavour of what they may expect to see of Ashridge on their arrival.

Useful sites

The 'Useful sites' section allow course tutors, you and your fellow participants to share website locations which you think of particularly benefit to each other while on your programme.



Calendar

The 'Calendar' section allows course tutors and administrators, to share with you events associated with your programme through descriptions and links. This may include the programme timetable.



Surveys

The 'Surveys' section allows course tutors to ask participants views on events and content associated with your programme through a very simple voting mechanism.



Web pages

Web pages may be added to the *e*Sharing. These can be used to link to other Ashridge or client initiatives. Web pages may be created by Ashridge developers on a clients request.

