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Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert
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Introduction and Background

Maj Hussain and Saf Yaqub, Principal Technicians in the Digital Enablement Team (ITDS) at Teesside University, have embarked on a transformative journey towards enhancing digital learning experiences. Their roles involve researching and introducing new digital technologies, providing training, and supporting staff and students to maximize the benefits of Office 365. Recognising the value of the Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) program, they have been dedicated MIEEs for several years and have recently renewed their commitment.

Transitioning from technical roles to focus more on teaching and training, Maj and Saf play a pivotal role in promoting a culture of innovation and digital fluency at Teesside University. They advocate for the use of tools like OneDrive, Teams, OneNote, and Sway to transform traditional teaching methods into dynamic, interactive learning experiences. Viewing themselves as facilitators rather than transmitters of knowledge, they strive to change perceptions and promote new ways of working with technology.

My MIEE Journey

Believing in the power of technology to enhance learning, Maj and Saf have embraced the MIEE program as a means to facilitate personalised and engaging education. They invest time in continuous professional development, mastering Microsoft technologies and instructional strategies. By becoming Microsoft Office Specialist

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Associates, they provide a clear pathway for staff and students to develop digital skills essential for success in education and beyond.

Project Overview and Impact

The Microsoft Office Specialist certification serves as a cornerstone for fostering digital literacy and growth within the institution. Maj and Saf promote self-directed study to identify skills gaps and empower individuals to become proficient in Microsoft Office applications.



They advocate for the Microsoft Certified Educator certification to combine innovative ideas with technological skills, creating dynamic learning experiences for students.

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Using the Benefits of the MIEE

In a rapidly evolving digital landscape, Maj and Saf recognise the importance of staying ahead of the curve and embracing new technologies. By introducing digital skills in a fun and engaging manner, they encourage active participation and foster digital confidence among staff and students.

Through workshops, conferences, and social media, they share success stories and promote the importance of continued professional development.

Lessons Learned and Future Plans:

Participation in the MIEE program has provided Maj and Saf with a platform to share ideas, promote good practices, and collaborate with like-minded individuals.

Leveraging tools like MIEE Teams sites and Microsoft Learn, they actively engage in knowledge-sharing initiatives and contribute to the community's growth.

Maj and Saf remain committed to their MIEE journey, seeking to share the knowledge and experience gained for the benefit of staff and students at Teesside University. They will continue to explore new technologies, participate in collaborative projects, and advocate for digital fluency in education.

Final Thoughts:

The MIEE program has been instrumental in Maj and Saf's professional development, providing them with opportunities to engage with emerging technologies and connect with a global community of educators.

Their dedication to promoting digital learning underscores the program's value in driving innovation and improving the staff and student experience. Maj and Saf wholeheartedly recommend the MIEE program to anyone seeking to elevate digital learning practices and make a positive impact in education.

Additional Resources & Useful Information

- [Digital Transformation CPD.](#)
- [Teesside University's Knowledgebase-Guides.](#)
- For help & support with Digital Pedagogy or MIEE related queries contact elearning@tees.ac.uk.