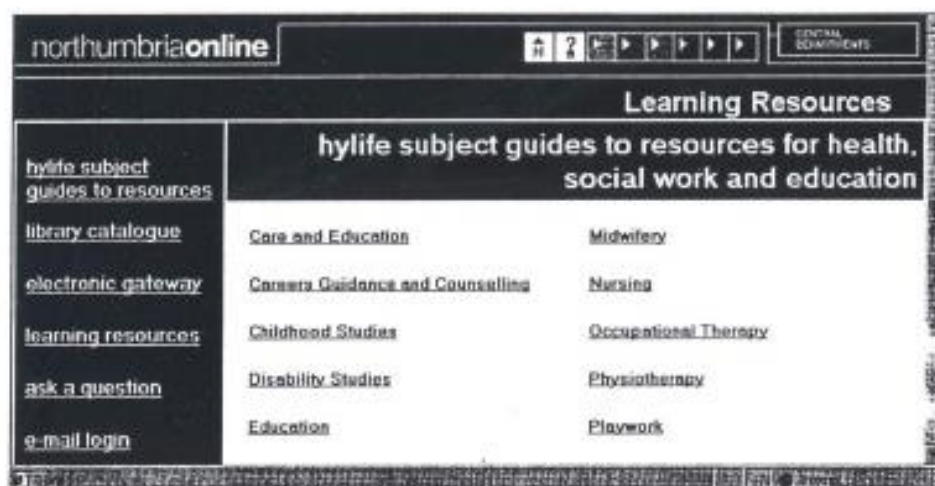


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Northumbria University has launched a new database on the internet which brings together research materials, legislation, government policies and general articles from professional literature relating to health, education and social work.

The database, developed by Learning Resources and the Faculty of Health, Social Work and Education, has been specifically designed for staff, students and healthcare and education professionals who need to have accurate and up to date knowledge and information on issues related to the fields.

The Research Support Libraries Programme - a national programme aimed at enhancing access to information for researchers - has helped to fund the database, which is available to anyone who has access to the internet.

The database is inter-linked with the HyLife project - the Hybrid Library of the Future - a scheme to explore the establishment of electronic interfaces which give users access to print and electronic information. It has replaced a first phase service electronic journal formerly available in the University, and has been specifically developed to enhance the usability of the system, making it faster, simpler and more user-friendly when searching for information.

The database is the most used and most up-to-date system available in the University, with links to government literature and full text electronic journal articles. There are presently over 27,000 entries on the database, with references to articles from over 450 journals being added on a daily basis.

Barry Chalk, Faculty Manager with Health, Social Work and Education, said: "The database is already proving to be an asset to staff and students at the University, keeping them up to date on changes in the political agenda of healthcare, social care and education.

"The internet link is a huge bonus, given the fact that practitioners can access the site - even at the point of contact with patients - to data which will assist them in providing care of proven benefit."

Anyone who is interested in seeing what the database has to offer can access it at www.northumbria.ac.uk/central/isd/obj/slsubshed.htm

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