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The ELM[®] Platform

Democratising Innovation: How equitable access to GenAI fosters belonging and empowers the Student Voice

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The Dilemma: Pre-ELM® Challenges

The sector was experiencing uncertainty and concern, with adoption and advancement happening at a pace hard to keep up with.

Students

Discussing AI in hushed voices and dark corners, unsure if they could use it or admit to using it

Academics / Teachers

Uncertain about the future of learning and teaching; only a handful truly understood or used the technology

Professional Services

Anxious it was "coming for their jobs" due to efficiency and automation fears.

Introducing ELM[®]

- University Senior Leadership driven
- Ethics Committee review
- Built inhouse by EDINA
- Higher Education focused
- Focus on key principles of :
 - Safety
 - Security
 - Responsible
 - Inclusivity
 - Responsiveness
 - Climate Sensitive





Introducing ELM® - Overview

- **Secure, Cost-Effective Access to GenAI/LLMs**
- **Free and Equitable** for all staff & students
- **Secure Web Based Platform:** Commercial & Locally Hosted (Greener, Open Source) LLMs
- **Direct API Access** for local innovation
- **Bespoke Application:** AskEdHelp (student facing support), Policy Explorer (200+ policies accessible and available via chatbot), Business School and more

Introducing ELM® – Security and Community

- **Zero Data Leak Risk:** All university data, chats, and documents hosted securely on-site.
- **Zero Data Retention** with commercial LLMs/3rd Parties.
- Full training and support programme.
- Ethically reviewed and approved by the university.
- **Community:** 24,000+ log ins, over 900 API keys in use, frequent Town Halls, AI Innovation Awards.
- **Sector Ready:** 85+ other HEs interested/trialing.



Greener GENAI: Locally Hosted Models

- **Leaner Footprint:** Cheaper and more environmentally sustainable to run.
- Housed entirely on **Edinburgh's award-winning energy efficient infrastructure**
- All data **secure** within Edinburgh servers
- **Dashboard development:** to quantify environmental impact for users

Available now


Llama 3.3

EURO*LLM

Coming Soon


Gemma

 MISTRAL
AI_

 Qwen



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ELM[®] Training Platform Walk Through

Why training?



Responsible

We are dedicated to promoting the responsible use of Generative AI for the benefit of our entire community and have been reviewed and approved by the relevant University Ethics protocols.

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Available AI training

Generative AI and ELM Training Courses

Discover our wide range of free-to-attend training courses designed to help staff and students make the most of Generative AI tools and the University's ELM service.

Expand all

- + Generative AI: Introduction to responsible use of Generative AI and ELM
- + Generative AI: Introduction to responsible use of Generative AI and ELM for students
- + Generative AI: ELM & Generative AI drop-in
- + Generative AI: Introduction to crafting effective prompts for ELM
- + Generative AI: Advanced use cases of Generative AI & ELM
- + Prompt engineering 101 for students
- + Generative AI: ELM for Programming - Part 1

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<https://information-services.ed.ac.uk/generative-ai-elm-training-courses>

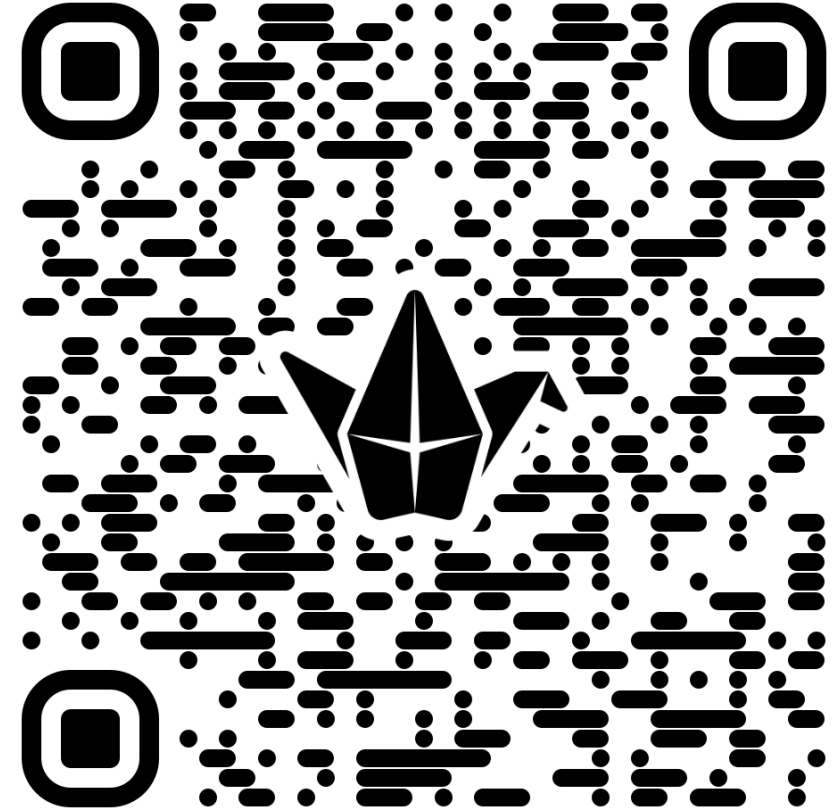
What does the AI training cover?

- What is Generative AI?
- Ethical issues in Generative AI
- Privacy – best practices
- Responsible AI use in practice. Why should I use AI responsibly and how to do it?
- Taking first steps with Generative AI
- Effective workflows for human-AI collaboration.
- Hands-on work with ELM

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How ELM[®] supports empowering the student voice – Your thoughts?

<https://padlet.com/pragyamodi99/elm-and-the-student-voice-reflections-ideas-and-questions-3ceu1mw869g88xjz>





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Thank You

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