



In collaboration with partners in Dida (Italy) and The National Unions of Students in Europe (Belgium), the Open University (UK) has produced **“Learning with MOOCs for Professional Development”**, a free course which will be open for participation in mid October.

Massive Open Online Courses, or MOOCs are everywhere, but what are they? Why would you take a MOOC? How do you sift through the thousands of courses on offer to find what you want? How do you determine their quality? How can you make the most of learning with MOOCs? These are some of the questions you are invited to explore in this free course. If you are unemployed and lack the self-confidence to connect to industry, or you are finding it difficult to cope with college, or you need a change of direction in your career but lack the skills to move on, “Learning with MOOCs for Professional Development” can help. You’ll have a chance to **reflect on the way you learn, understand how to be a successful MOOC learner**, and also **find out about the skills you need to be effective in a digital world**: from improving what you do online and the way you do it, to finding information, communicating and collaborating with other people.

The course **lasts 4 weeks**, with approximately **3 hours** of study time each week. You can work through the course **at your own pace**, so if you have more time one week there is no problem with pushing on to complete another week’s study. You can also jump in and out of the different sections following your interests. On completion, you will receive a free Statement of Participation.

“Learning with MOOCs for Professional Development” has been built on The Open University’s [OpenLearn Create](#) platform, where individuals and organisations can publish their open content, open courses and resources. The course has been created in its majority reusing and adapting material already available under a Creative Commons license.

“Learning with MOOCs for Professional Development” **will be launched on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. **Enrolment will open very soon**. To keep updated, follow us on Twitter @bizmooobook or come back to this blog.