

**6th European Conference on Games-Based Learning**  
**River Lee Hotel, Cork, Ireland**  
**4-5 October 2012**

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**Call for Papers Posters, Round Table Proposals, Practitioner Contributions and Product Demonstrations**

Over the last ten years, the way in which education and training is delivered has changed considerably with the advent of new technologies. One such new technology that holds considerable promise for helping to engage learners is Games-Based Learning (GBL). This Conference offers an opportunity for scholars and practitioners interested in the issues related to GBL to share their thinking and research findings and provides a forum for discussion, collaboration and intellectual exchange for all those interested in any of these fields of research or practice. Papers can cover various issues and aspects of GBL in education and training. We are particularly interested in empirical research that addresses whether GBL enhances learning.

The conference committee welcomes contributions on a wide range of topics using a range of scholarly approaches including theoretical and empirical papers employing qualitative, quantitative and critical methods. Action research, case studies and work-in-progress/posters are welcomed approaches. PhD Research, proposals for roundtable discussions, non-academic contributions and product demonstrations based on the main themes are also invited. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:-

**Technology:**

- innovative games-based learning technologies, applications, tools and environments;
- use of mobile games for learning;
- technology for massively multiplayer online games (MMOGs) for learning;
- designing educational/psycho-educational games;
- implementation issues associated with games-based learning.

**Pedagogy:**

- learning and instructional theory for games-based learning;
- Role playing;

- assessment in games-based learning;
- evaluation of games-based learning;
- use of narrative and storytelling;
- use of audio;
- integrating digital games and traditional learning methods;

**Social and Ethical Issues:**

- social and collaborative aspects of games-based learning;
- Political education using games; gender, age, cultural and violence issues;
- ethical issues;
- organizational issues associated with the implementation of GBL in education and training

***Publication opportunity***

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Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and a list of accreditations is posted on the conference website. Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of the [Electronic Journal of e-Learning](#).

As well as full academic papers, the following submissions are welcomed:

**Work in Progress/Posters:** Researchers are invited to submit current projects which are either at the proposals stage or are work in progress.

**PhD Research:** Doctoral Candidates are invited to submit papers describing their research.

**Case Study Submissions:** Submissions should be written to publishable standards.

**Non-Academic Contributions:** Contributions from individuals and organisations working in the field. These contributions can take the form of a presentation or a demonstration.

**Round Table Proposals:** Topical subjects proposed for discussion.

**Product Demonstrations and Exhibitor Opportunities:** If you are contributing to the conference in any of the above categories you can also request the opportunity to give a product demonstration. If you would like to exhibit and/or demonstrate a product at the conference we suggest that you apply for one of our exhibitor packages.

### Submission details:

**Abstracts:** All submission types (other than product demonstrations) require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **16 March 2012**. Please read the guidelines at

<http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm>

**Submission:** Only accepted by online form submission at

<http://academic-conferences.org/ecgbl/ecgbl2012/ecgbl11-abstract-submission.htm>

**Full paper:** Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received by **4 May 2012**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, [Julia Hawkins](mailto:julia.hawkins@academic-conferences.org) ([julia.hawkins@academic-conferences.org](mailto:julia.hawkins@academic-conferences.org)).

### Important information:

The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference. The authors of abstracts, which describe a relevant paper, will receive a notification of abstract acceptance. All full papers will be blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, that the standard of English is adequate and that the paper is appropriately referenced. Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

### Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline:	<b>16 March 2012</b>
Notification of abstract acceptance:	<b>23 March 2012</b>
Full paper due for review:	<b>4 May 2012</b>
Notification of paper acceptance (with any changes):	<b>13 July 2012</b>
Earlybird registration closes:	<b>27 July 2012</b>
Final paper due (with any changes):	<b>10 August 2012</b>
Final author registration date:	<b>31 August 2012</b>

This call for papers and full details of the conference can also be found online at <http://www.academic-conferences.org/ecgbl/ecgbl2012/ecgbl12-home.htm>