

The Evaluation Researchers

A key component of the Digital Opportunities (DigiOps) initiative is the evaluation research of each of the 11 DigiOps projects.

Evaluating nine of the projects is Christchurch-based technology research company, Ultralab South. Complementary to the research, Ultralab South's role is to provide a common approach to the evaluations, and assess how well each project fits in with the overall DigiOps model, which will also be assessed.



Ultralab South's DigiOps research team has three members, Michael Winter, Ann Trewern and Hasan Toubat. All have a background in education and considerable experience in evaluating ICT based initiatives.

Michael evaluated two of the four original DigiOps projects, and his recommendations from those evaluations were incorporated into the present DigiOps model. He is also evaluates online management training programmes for public sector employees and meat inspector supervisors.

Ann's research is with the Otago Community Trust Secondary Schools' technology project, and the online learning network for teacher professional development. Ann also evaluates the online curriculum projects for students and with the ICTPD cluster programme.

Hasan's major area of research is the ICTPD clusters project and his thesis topic is the use of ICT in the teaching and learning process.

Each of the DigiOps project evaluations will involve two members of the team. The first data collection phase of the projects will start on 28 February.