# Creating a new learning currency which recognises people's skills and achievements

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### Badges in Numbers

### March 2015:

- 14,000 Issuers Worldwide
- 2 Million Badges Issued
- 342,300 Badges sent to backpacks
- 88,585 backpacks

### What's happening?

### April 2015:

- IMS announcement

### May 2015:

Endorsement and annotation built into OBI

# IMS Digital Credentialing Initiative

- Establish Digital Badges as common currency for K-20 and corporate education
- Partnership with Mozilla
- Further adoption, integration and transferability
- Extend digital transcripts and competency-based education interoperability



### **Endorsement:**

A method of publishing approval or acceptance of Open Badges using an extension to the Open Badges specification itself. Open Badge: A statement of trust in an individual.

Open Badge Endorsement: A statement of trust in an Open Badge or issuer.

## Possibilities...

### **Assertion:**

"Margaret has earned the Digital Practitioner badge"

**Endorsement Assertion:** 

"The Digital Practitioner badge evidences teaching and learning excellence and can be used towards HEA accreditation" (By the Higher Education Academy) A statement of trust in an Open Badge or issuer.

You can better trust a badge if you trust its endorsers.

### What can be endorsed?

#### **Assertion:**

"Margaret has earned the Digital Practitioner badge"

### **Endorsement Assertion:**

"Margaret really deserved the Digital Practitioner badge"

### BadgeClass:

"Digital Practitioner Badge by University of Dunedin"

### **Endorsement BadgeClass:**

"The University of Dunedin's Digital Practitioner badge is backed by quality assessments"

#### Issuer:

"University of Dunedin"

### **Endorser:**

"The University of Dunedin issue high quality badges"

### **Annotation:**

# "The Achiever Badge aligns to Educational Standard X"

Annotation is a partner extension to endorsement that lets 3rd parties contribute to badge object meaning.

# Annotation Assertion example:

"The Digital Practitioner Badge aligns to the UKPSF Areas of Activity: A4"

# Badges in Action



# 120 partners







































### Worldwide adoption





South

Atlantic

Ocean

Pacific

Ocean



### **Badge Design Process**



### Multiple Validation

**Employer** 



### **Open Badge projects**



Over 300,000 people are learning more with digital badges

Signup I Login



Digital technology doesn't need to be stuck on the screen. I developed a revolutionary laser based light that is saving lives around the world.

Emily Brooke, founder of Blaze

### Here's an idea...

HRH The Duke of York and Nominet Trust have launched iDEA, an initiative that supports 14-25 year olds in developing their greatest ideas into a successful digital business venture. Entrants will gain essential digital enterprise and entrepreneurial skills through the competition and can further develop these skills through our online library of industry endorsed badges.

### If you like it, Badge it!

Skills Badges are a new way to build your skills, gain industry recognition and boost your CV. Here are a few badges you can start earning now. View all badges in the badge library







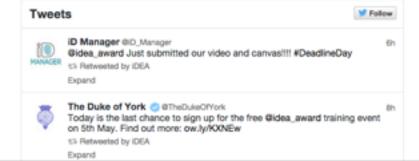
#### Latest News

#### iDEA Events:

5th May 2015 - FREE IDEA Training Event for Educators, University of Wolverhampton Science Park click nere to find out more

12th February - iDEA Live Stage Mentoring Event, London view some photos from the day here

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### **CPD BADGES**























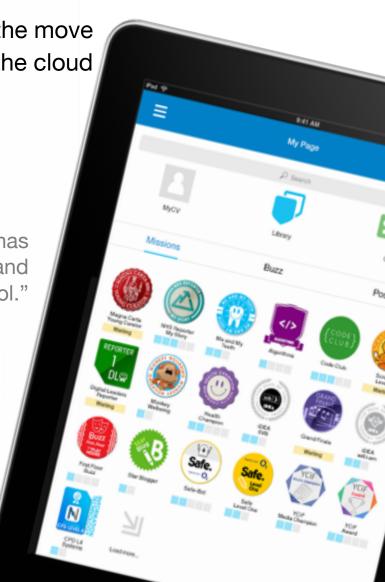


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Our pioneering Apps enable mobile badging on the move direct from the cloud



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Pioneering digital badge platforms and learning communities



# Thanks!

