

The Self-organising University

The University is a network for people who want to to develop their knowledge and professional skills together.

The short-term goals of the University are to:

1. Sign up a group of founding members.
2. Encourage members to study together, using services like Coursera, Edx and Udacity.
3. Arrange meet ups between members.

Longer term, the goal is to build up a network that is capable of maintaining a broad programme of self-organised education and training activities, and that can provide a comprehensive body of skills for members to draw on.

Members can be self-employed, in employment or running their own business. The main requirement for membership is to want to develop skills and to do so in collaboration with other people.

Programmes of study

There is a growing number of short courses available online spanning a wide range of academic and vocational disciplines. These courses typically run for six to eight weeks and require perhaps four to six hours per week of study time, making them suitable for fitting around a work schedule. Studying a course together will bring some of the benefits of college-based study that are otherwise absent from self-paced learning and is likely to strengthen the connections between our members.

What next?

Please apply for membership by emailing me at d@sofer.com and follow @Selforganising on Twitter.