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So, this book is about collaboration in e-learning made possible through investment by two national funding bodies in both a major project and the supporting infrastructure. We hope our largely positive experience encourages others to take up the challenge of e-learning, connected to digital libraries of information and knowledge.

## REFERENCES

JISC Programme and Project details are provided at: [http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme\\_dlite/project\\_dialogplus.aspx](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_dlite/project_dialogplus.aspx).

The DialogPLUS Project website can be found at <http://www.dialogplus.org/>.

The ESRC Census Programme resources can be accessed at: <http://www.census.ac.uk>.