Localaw—Housing and Planning

Another new database is now active and working. We've bought two modules of the 8 that are on

Localaw—Housing and Planning.

Localaw describes itself as "The most comprehensive and authoritative online legal research service in Local Government Law … designed with the needs of the local government practitioner in mind."

It can be used on and off-campus however a username and password is required:
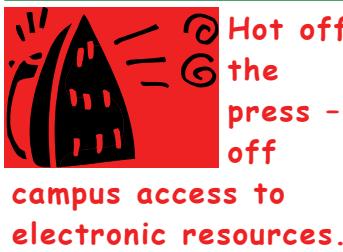
username:portsmouthuni

password: welcome

(If you tick the 'Remember login' box, you will be logged in automatically on future visits to the site. For security reasons, please do not tick this box if you access the service from a shared computer.)

You can update your personal details after logging in. Simply click 'My Details' under the My Favourites tab on the menu bar.

The service is supported by **LocALERT**, providing weekly updates on the latest case law and legislative developments plus related articles on the latest local government issues.

Find it by searching for 'localaw' on the Subject Directory.

Hot off the press – off campus access to electronic resources.

Access to resources still remains difficult at time of writing (12/05 10.30am).

Anyone with a standalone computer is advised to set up webcache http://www.port.ac.uk/library/webcache It gives access to most resources including Ebrary. **Info4education services** have a direct Username: uniport and Password: frewen. Mozilla Firefox is working with some (ie Shibboleth resources).

Book ordering in Technology Faculty

Departments in the Technology Faculty can now take advantage of a web form for each school or department to order book material for the Library. The form emails all the necessary to details of the book to the Library and also to the Department's Library Liaison Officer for approval or record keeping.

Dr Jonathan Crellin, the Library Liaison Officer for the School of Computing has kindly extended the system his Department has been using successfully for some time now and hopefully this will speed up book orders fractionally. Eventually it is hoped to go to fully electronic book orders, but as yet we have no time frame for how long it will take our suppliers to make this possible.

The URLs for the forms are:

Civil Engineering http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexCivilE.php

ECE http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexECE.php

EDAM http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexEDAM.php

ICG http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexICG.php

Maths http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexMATHS.php

MECH http://userweb.port.ac.uk/~crellinj/library/indexMECH.php

IEEE Xplore freebies

We've been sent some freebies following our sub to Xplore (lots of pens, a couple of bags, a couple of t-shirts, and a 1 gig memory stick + bookmarks and promotional brochures).

If you'd have a use for these to promote Xplore amongst students please come and see Timothy Collinson on the ground floor of the Library—first come, first served!

Library Twitter

The Library has joined the twitterati and now Twitters on all manner of subjects. Particularly useful to let students know about the recent downtime we've had with servers and Athens authentication and so on.

You can find it via the Library homepage (next to Thing of the Day) or go direct to:
http://twitter.com/uoplibrary