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Lesley recently completed a funded PhD with the [Institute of Educational Technology](#) (IET) at the Open University, as a 'later career' doctoral completer. She graduated on the same day as her son, at Milton Keynes Theatre in March 2023. Her PhD laid the conceptual and practical groundwork for supporting geographically separated practitioners in using learning technology to learn about and actively improve complex fragmented challenging situations in HE and beyond, in a collaborative and equitable manner without necessarily knowing each other or having a routine working relationship.

Lesley was runner-up in the OU Research Excellence Awards 2022 in the post-graduate student category. She is now affiliated with the [Centre for the Study of Global Development](#) (CSGD) at the OU. Her work is interdisciplinary, and methodologically combines collaborative action research with grounded theory building. Her research has been accepted for publication as one of a series of innovation cases for the European [ENCORE+](#) project, and she has released an [OER](#) to support others in taking the first steps for rigorously adapting the approach to other contexts in an open fashion.

A brief introduction to her lifelong learning and research written by IET, can be found here: <https://iet.open.ac.uk/study/lesley-boyd-shares-pride-as-ou-phd-has-crossed-many-boundaries>.

