

Mark Ratcliffe

Dr. Mark Ratcliffe is the Director of Higher Education Engagement at e-skills UK. He coordinates the Catalyst project which is working with employers and universities to promote the capabilities graduates develop from different types of IT-related degree courses, and to encourage curriculum development in areas of industry growth.

Mark graduated with a PhD in the field of Software Engineering from Aberystwyth University in 1989. As a senior lecturer, he went on to work as Director of Teaching in Computer Science at Aberystwyth for ten years until 2007. Recognised with the Aberystwyth's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2002, and again in 2006, Mark promoted high quality learning and teaching through the department and university. Under Marks' auspices as Director of Teaching, the department gained the highest grades possible in all aspects of teaching in the quality audit and experienced a 30% rise in Computer Science applications at a time when applications to the subject and applications to Aberystwyth generally were falling.

Mark has over 50 peer-reviewed Software Engineering publications focussing in more recent years on Software Engineering Education.

Mark was Founder and Technical Director of Khaydor Ltd., a spinout company developing ideas from his international research in Computer Science Education. This led to the production of the Tweek Learning Environment and the Vortex group working environment which won the Welsh Development Agency technology award in 2003.

Mark is a Member of the BCS, a Fellow of the HE Academy, and a certified Scrum Master in Agile Development.