Last week I wrote this blog post when I started thinking about doing my CMALT portfolio:

Blogged: "What do you do?" Starting out on #CMALT lornamcampbell.org/higher-education (I may or may not be a spy) @A_L_T

It didn’t take long for the community to get back to me with really helpful practical advice.

@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T Some advice re section 3 of cmalt - bit.ly/2onHi6C - In section 2 don’t worry about not teaching, colleagues are your learners too

@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T Focus on what *you* bring. Start by mapping examples of your practice to #CMALT sections, use portfolio process as way to address any gaps.

@mattcornock @A_L_T Yep, I've made a start on the mapping. It's going to be an eclectic portfolio and an interesting process! cmalt

@mattcornock @A_L_T Sound great! If you have feedback on this, definitely draw upon it to show how your practice changed. Reflection is key for #CMALT
@mattcornock @A_L_T I've got reflective blog posts I can hopefully draw on. Shaping everything into a coherent portfolio will be the big challenge #cmalt

@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T Hope you find it as rewarding an experience as I did. #CMALT was valuable to allocate time & take stock of wins and plan next development

@sheilmcn @LornaMCampbell @A_L_T and the #CMALT community via Twitter. @hopkinsdavid was a brilliant motivator.

@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T good luck Lorna! I too grappled with it but so pleased I did.

@suebecks @A_L_T Thanks! I think it's going to require a lot of grappling but hopefully I can wrestle it into submission :} #CMALT

@suebecks @LornaMCampbell @A_L_T I struggled too Lorna - but I found the @A_L_T webinars really useful, particularly in terms of the practicalities like length and too.

@philbarker @MarenDeepwell @LornaMCampbell @sheilmcn @A_L_T You can do it! #CMALT
Phil kicked off an interesting discussion about how long it typically takes to complete a CMALT portfolio.

@philbarker @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T @MarenDeepwell What's the approx timescale for getting a #cmalt application together?--ignoring procrastination but fitting it in around the day job

@philbarker @A_L_T 3-6 months alt.ac.uk/certified-memb... I've got 7 weeks :) #CMALT

@philbarker @MarenDeepwell @LornaMCampbell @suebecks @A_L_T thinking about it - years - doing it - days
Maren Deepwell
@MarenDeepwell

@philbarker @LornaMCampbell @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T Depends a bit on how much evidence you need to go collecting... it took around 15 hours for me :)

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Lorna M. Campbell
@LornaMCampbell

@MarenDeepwell @philbarker @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T 15 hours Maren? Wow! That’s seriously impressive!

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Maren Deepwell
@MarenDeepwell

@LornaMCampbell @philbarker @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T It took 6 years of procrastination & collecting evidence... oh, and I started over 3 times. But the writing was fairly quick... ;)

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Phil Barker
@philbarker

@sheilmcn @MarenDeepwell @LornaMCampbell @suebecks @A_L_T Well, I’ve got the first stage well in hand :)

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Lorna M. Campbell
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@MarenDeepwell @philbarker @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T So 15 hours + 6 years then? :P Still impressive! :)

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Phil Barker
@philbarker

@MarenDeepwell @LornaMCampbell @sheilmcn @suebecks @A_L_T Thanks for the replies. if I ever stop procrastinating...

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Working together with a colleague seems to be a good idea.

If you went for it now, you could be my #CMALT buddy :)

you two should deffo do that - organise writing sprints - @linaelfa was mine and really helped by forcing me block out time to write.

*Exactly* my thinking. Also @philbarker and I are always happy to be rude about each others' writing.

and why change very effective working practices 😏

We have #CMALT writing retreats here at @EdinburghUni, but I'm already used to @philbarker hassling me to write things :P
Sheila MacNeill
@sheilmcn
@LornaMCampbell @philbarker @A_L_T you may as well, a deadline was the only thing that made me get mine finished
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Of course is doesn’t all have to be about writing.

Sheila MacNeill
@sheilmcn
@philbarker @LornaMCampbell remember doesn’t all have to be written! I did a video for my contextual statement.
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Some people really connected with the difficulty of explaining what we do.

Kate Mitchell
@katevideo
This is a great post not only in thinking about #CMALT but also on the tensions of being in #TELadvisor roles #edtech ping @sueinasp twitter.com/lornamcampbell...
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Martin Hawksey
@mhawksey
“What do you do?” – Starting out on #CMALT lornamcampbell.org/higher-educati... < I can neither confirm or deny @LornaMCampbell is a spy ;) #altc
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Kate Mitchell
@katevideo
@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T Connected with spy reference, my family asked me again what I do and decided "online learning" was easiest (but inaccurate) response
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Sue Tucker
@sueinasp
@LornaMCampbell @A_L_T Love it "I work at the Uni in staff support" "Oh, so you work in HR?" "Ummm no, I help staff with PD in teaching practice & tech" Blank look
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@suebecks @LornaMCampbell @A_L_T @hopkinsdavid absolutely - and @LornaMCampbell you weren't supposed to mention the spy thing . . . though CETIS was the best cover ever:-)