Title of Session **SESSION 8**	**Core Middleware: Technology Development Programme. Programme Management.**
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Key words	Middleware, Shibboleth, Planning, Management, Guidelines
Aims and objectives	Closed Programme Sessions The Core Middleware: Technology Development Programme began in April 2004 with the aim of enhancing and developing middleware within the UK HE and FE community. This session will be the first opportunity for the project members to meet and learn about the specific aims and objectives of the programme, and to find out more about the management of the programme and support available to the projects. **Objectives, intended outcomes and activities for participants** **The objectives are to:** • Provide an overview of the projects funded within the programme. • Introduce the Programme Plan and explain its relevance to the projects. • Explain the reporting requirements of the programme, with a special focus on risk analysis, stakeholder engagement and sustainability issues. **The intended outcomes are to:** • Ensure that all projects understand the programme management structure and programme plan for the CM: TD Programme. • Ensure that all projects are aware of the full scope of the programme. • Ensure that all projects understand their requirements and responsibilities within this programme.
Audience	This session is intended for all project staff involved in the Core Middleware: Technology Development Programme. Due to changes in reporting structures and programme structures, it will be important for all staff available (even experienced project managers) to attend this session
Style of session	Presentation and Discussion.