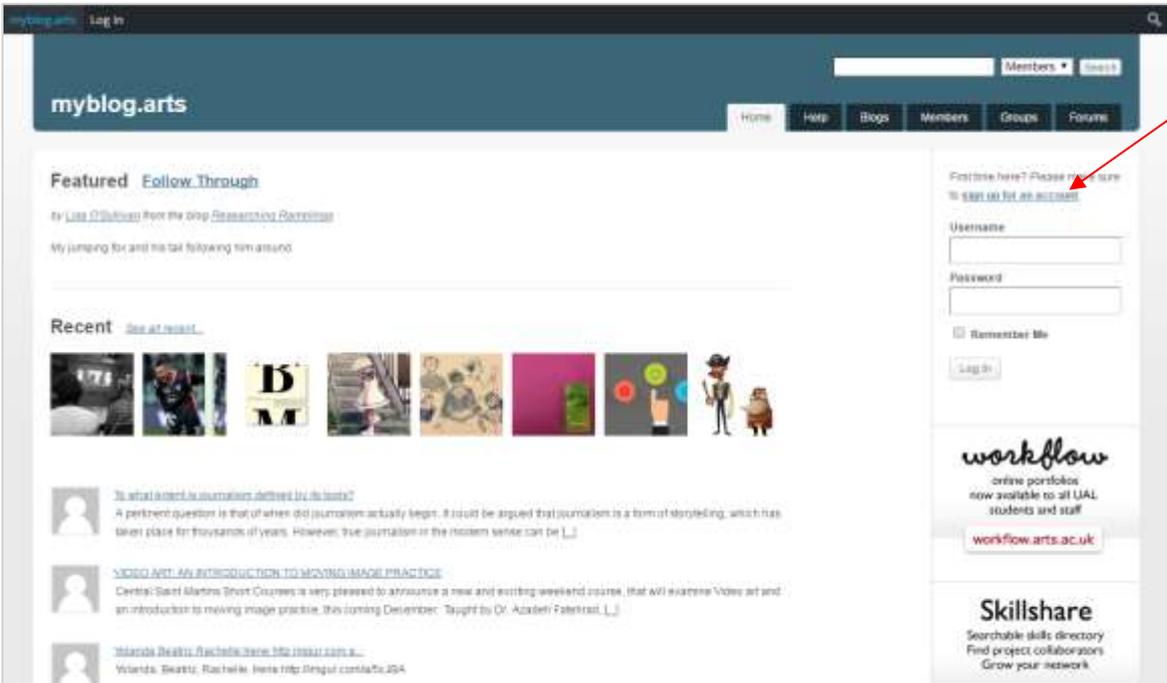


Setting up your Blog

How do I set up a Blog?

A **blog** is a website which is regularly updated with new content. A blog is an online log, often similar to a diary or journal – the word blog is derived from the term ‘web-log’. Blogs usually have regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, often together with multimedia such as graphics or video. Entries are commonly displayed in reverse-chronological order. *Blog* can also be used as a verb, meaning *to maintain or add content to a blog*. (Wikipedia)

To set up your new blog at myblog.arts you will need to log into <http://myblog.arts.ac.uk/> and select the “sign up for an account” link at the right-hand side of the web page.



The screenshot shows the myblog.arts website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Help, Blogs, Members, Groups, and Forums. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Featured' and 'Follow Through' with a link to 'Sign Up for an account'. A red arrow points from a text box to this link. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Recent' with a grid of images. On the right side, there is a login form with fields for Username and Password, a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and a 'Log In' button. Below the login form, there are two promotional banners: 'workflow' and 'Skillshare'.

1. Sign Up for an account

When you have selected this you will be presented with a set-up form:

Fill out your details making sure to use your University network username and password. Once you have read through the terms and conditions (click on the link) select the “I agree to the terms and conditions” check box.

If you don't want to set up a blog, you can still sign up for an account by submitting your username and password. Having an account is necessary if you want to be able to join a group, post to a group blog, set up a profile, or leave comments on certain blog posts.

If you choose not to create a blog, you can come back to this page later to create one, if you wish.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'myblog.arts' sign-up page. The form is titled 'Sign up for an account' and contains the following fields and instructions:

- 2. Add your UAL username and password:** This instruction points to the 'Username (university network username)' and 'Password (university network password)' input fields.
- 3. Add a title for your blog and the blog url:** This instruction points to the 'Blog Title (can be changed later)' and 'Blog URL' input fields.
- 4. Tick the box:** This instruction points to the 'Create a blog' checkbox.
- 5. Click Sign Up:** This instruction points to the 'Sign Up' button at the bottom of the form.

Additional text on the form includes: 'Your blog address will be: http://your_blog_url.myblog.arts.ac.uk/' and 'Your Blog URL must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only. It can't be changed so choose carefully!'.

Further Support

Additional support is on hand should you require help. Contact the Digital Learning Support team at dlsupport@arts.ac.uk



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