

Free ePortfolios Options

Below is a list of ePortfolios, the aim of this document is give an examples of some of the free options available for ePortfolios, it is not to recommend any one system. Please note: that we have also created a [YouTube playlist](#) which gives demo videos of many of the below options.

Foliospaces

- **Link:** <https://www.foliospaces.org/>
- **Portfolio Example:** None found but it is a Mahara based platform so similar to Mahara
- **Paid Version (\$9.95 per year):** Yes, additional features. More info <https://www.foliospaces.org/free-eportfolio-to-premium.php>

Foliotek

- **Link:** <https://www.foliotek.com/>
- **Portfolio Example:** <https://www.foliotek.com/professional-portfolio> (scroll to bottom of page and click on the different users, the image on the phone will update accordingly)
- **Paid Version (approx \$10 per student):** Yes, gives more space, more templates and administrative functions.

Google Sites

- **Link:** <https://sites.google.com/a/ucc.ie>
- **Portfolio Example:** <https://sites.google.com/a/ucc.ie/eportfolioest/>
- **Paid Version:** No
- **Note about Google Sites:** UCC has access to the Google Apps for Education Suite. Meaning that students already have access with their umail account. As part of this one of the apps available to us is Google Sites. Google Sites allows users to create a simple website without knowing any coding. As a result, it can be used as an ePortfolio tool and it actually has an ePortfolio template (which is given in the example above) although you may not wish to use this.

Mahara

- **Link:** <https://mahara.org/>
- **Portfolio Example:** <http://demo.mahara.org/>
- **Paid Version:** No and there are no institutional options for Blackboard

MyShowcase

- Link: <https://www.myshowcase.me/>
- Portfolio Example: <https://www.myshowcase.me/features/> (This page lists the features with some screenshots but there is no obvious demo that you can click into)
- **Paid Version (approx £2.50 per student):** Yes, gives additional functionality such as working in groups and administrative functions. More info: <https://www.myshowcase.me/pricing/>

Pathbrite

- **Link:** <https://pathbrite.com/#maker>
- **Portfolio Example:** <https://pathbrite.com/portfolio/PyTS1PH5W/all-about-me>
- **Paid (approx \$7 per student):** Yes, paid version which is aimed at course/ institution level and which gives additional functionality such as the ability to create a template for your students to follow.

Portfoliogen

- **Link:** <http://www.portfoliogen.com/>
- **Portfolio Example:** <http://www.portfoliogen.com/pgsample1/>
- **Paid Version:** Yes, allows for unlimited number of pages (basic version is limited up to 5 pages of content), more templates, tracking visitors. More info: <http://www.portfoliogen.com/features.cfm>

RCampus

- **Link:** <http://www.rcampus.com/>
- **Portfolio Example:** <https://www.rcampus.com/EPortfoliohomeshellc.cfm?xsite=chinstud.W65528>
- **Paid Version:** Yes, more functionality. More info: <http://www.rcampus.com/eportfoliohomeshellc.cfm?view=cp>

In addition to the above, another common solution is to use a more general website building tool as a way for students to create portfolios. The following tools are free website/blog building tools:

- EduBlogs: <http://edublogs.org/>
- Weebly: <https://www.weebly.com/ie?lang=en>
- Wordpress: <https://wordpress.com/>
- Wix: <http://www.wix.com/>

Finally, there are a couple of other options that aren't ePortfolio tools but that can be useful for collating information

- [Google Scholar](#): Allows you to create a list of publications
- [LinkedIn](#): A professional networking site on which you can create a profile and follow others in your area of interest
- [About.me](#): Allows you to create a one page website for free. You can set-up a simple profile and tell the world what you do and how to get in touch with you. It allows you to post a picture, write about yourself and your expertise, list your website and blogs, and let people know how to find you on social media sites like LinkedIn and Twitter.

Further links on ePortfolios

- <https://eportfoliohub.wordpress.com/recordings-and-presentations/>
- <http://proceedings.informingscience.org/InSITE2007/IISITv4p327-342Guy255.pdf>
- <http://www.electronicportfolios.org/>
- <http://electronicportfolios.org/eportfolios/tools.html>
- <https://www.jisc.ac.uk/rd/projects/e-portfolios>
- <https://uwaterloo.ca/centre-for-teaching-excellence/teaching-resources/teaching-tips/educational-technologies/all/eportfolios>
- <http://thecleversheep.blogspot.ie/2009/02/15-efficient-e-portfolio-tools.html>