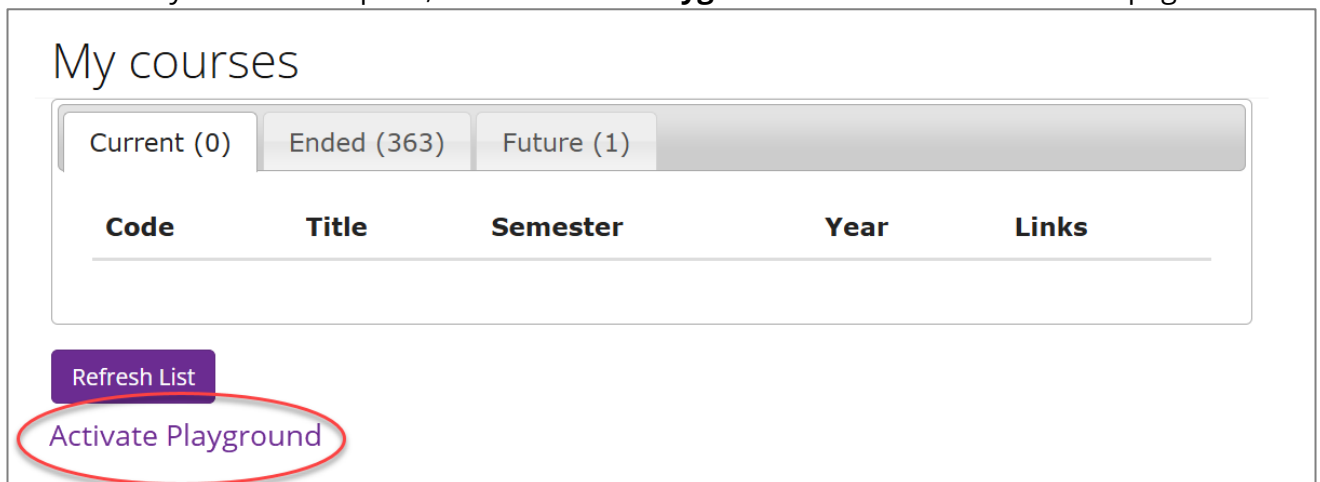## What is a Blackboard playground space?

A playground space in Blackboard is a space which is used by an individual member of staff for experimenting with the tools available in Bb9, and for trying out different ways of structuring a course or presenting content. Course content can be deleted in order to start again with a blank space. Users may wish to try things out in the playground before adding them to a live course. Only the individual user has access to this area. One playground space is available for each member of staff. It can be activated from the University portal.

Activating your Blackboard playground space

1. **Login** to the my.manchester.ac.uk portal for staff

2. Access the My Courses area

3. When the My Course list opens, click **Activate Playground** near the bottom of the page

4. A pop-up window will appear. Provide a title for your playground in the title field and click **Activate**

A confirmation message should appear

Once the activation process has completed (allow up to **24 hours** for this), a link to your playground space will appear in your course list