Configure the VPN connection (Windows 8.1)

1. Go to "Desktop", (right click on start and select desktop) then right click the wireless/network icon at bottom right.
2. Choose "Open Network and Sharing Center"

3. Click "Set up a new connection or network".

4. Select "Connect to a workplace" and click "Next".

5. Click "Use my Internet connection (VPN)".
6. For "Internet address:" enter "vpn2.net.ed.ac.uk".

7. For "Destination name:" enter e.g. "UoE L2TP VPN".
8. Click "Create"
9. A new pane should open on the right with a list of all connections once this has been created. If this panel does not appear it can be found here: Control Panel > Network and Sharing Center > Change adapter settings

10. Search for "View Network Connections"
11. Right Click on UoE L2TP VPN and select properties
12. Click the "Security" tab.

13. For "Type of VPN" select "Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol with IPsec (L2TP/IPSec)".

14. For "Data Encryption" select "Require encryption (disconnect if server declines)"

15. Select Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP)

16. Select Microsoft CHAP Version 2

17. Click "Advanced settings"

18. In the "Advanced Properties" window, select "Use preshared key for authentication", and for "Key": enter "playfair".

19. Click Ok

20. Back in the "UoE L2TP VPN Properties" window, click "OK".


22. The network panel will open on the right, select the Uoe L2TP VPN network and click on connect.

23. Enter your username.

24. Enter your VPN password.