

Assessment 2

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It's time to reflect on the whole group video process, how I felt, how it worked or didn't work and any bumps along the road. On the last session of our lectures all I could think about was who am I going to be in a group with, I was nervous because I didn't know everyone that well and worried because you don't know if others will think the same way as you and to get the work done you need to work together to be on the same page. I also worried about time management, what if I were working with someone who wanted everything finished in the first weekend and I would not be able to do that with all my other commitments so much could go wrong and I did NOT want to let anyone down.

The groups were announced, and I felt a little relieved! I knew my group members from discussions in lectures and I had agreed with lots of their thoughts and suggestions and felt slightly at ease now that we were like-minded.

Lecture over time for a group meet. I still felt daunted by the task ahead as I knew it was not just my work I was responsible for, it was all of ours. Well, why was I so worried? We were all feeling the same way! We soon got to talk about our plan and a way forward. We discussed all the topic suggestions and between the three of us (Nikki recovering from operation so unable to join) poverty was our topic of choice. This was something we had all felt we had been through at some point in our lives and still are, so we were open to each other about our experiences and the effect they had on our daily lives, and this gelled us as a team.

The decision about which section of the video was not decided at this point; we all agreed to explore the subject more and gather our findings and go from there. We ended this session by

agreeing to meet every Monday as if we were still attending lectures so we could discuss progress and work towards the end goal. Lorraine set up a video WhatsApp group so we could stay connected and up to date on findings.

This week we all brought our findings to the table and amazingly we had all found something different. This led us to knowing which part of the video we were going to take on. I had researched ideas to end poverty, Lorraine had looked at what poverty is, and Richard had investigated poverty statistics.

During my research I investigated the history of poverty to find that this is not a new phenomenon! As far back as the 18th century Where a radical named Thomas Spence produced the idea of a Universal basic income. Unlike other welfare-type benefits this one is not means tested so would be given to everyone, not enough to discourage working but to encourage people to better themselves by working to add to this income. I presented my findings to the group as an idea to solve and wipe out poverty and we all agreed that this would be our big idea.

We went onto agree our sections, Lorraine would complete the introduction, Richard would follow that with statistics, I would bring ideas and viable solutions and that left Nikki with the conclusion to bring it all together. We felt that this was an effective way of doing things as Nikki has been unwell and the conclusion would be good for her because she will be wrapping up our sections to then sum up our final idea.

We discussed the final video would be handed in and needed to clarify the process, the result was each of us would send one person our sections and that person will put the presentations together and send everyone a copy of the completed video. Our individual sections were to be completed using PowerPoint and then the sections would come to me so that they can be collated using an editing programme called Capcut.

Through our video chat group, Richard sent a picture of a background he had found for his section and asked our thoughts, we made the decision to keep it the same and all of us use this image.

Through the weeks life happened! I had forgotten an appointment so would not make the meeting, so it was re-arranged, and those sorts of things happened throughout the weeks however we all did what we could to accommodate so we never missed a meeting.

As life kept on throwing us challenges, so the group got stronger. It felt like a family and there was nothing we could not achieve together. There were a few frustrating bumps along the road, mostly technological ones. We struggled to navigate around Moodle as we find it an extremely complicated system when it comes to finding things. We would talk about something we found on Moodle and then could show everyone because we could not remember which section it was in as it was not obvious. I decided it might be an idea to write the steps down each time I find something in a Moodle navigation book!

The biggest problem we encountered though was the technology platforms. I use Google daily via a Chromebook. However, for the University the work is all completed through Word and Microsoft and using a Chromebook is not compatible for the sending of files and downloading etc. The platforms are not transferrable. This has caused me a massive amount of stress, more-so than the work. As a group we tried through many discussions to fix problems, with suggestions between us even though it didn't always work.

To sum up the experience not only did this partial quote from Nelson Mandela inspire me:

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity it is an act of Justice”

My Fantastic group did.



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Footnote: Tegan Donalds name will appear on the video link. I had to use her capcut platform to collate and produce the group video as I am working on Chromebook and nothing works. This was the only way to achieve it.