

This reflective account will discuss personal experiences and theory of group work and focusing on certain theorists and their methods. Personal experiences will also be discussed and future alterations in partaking in group work. The first meeting the group managed to have was less than 2 weeks prior to the date of presentation. Then when we did get together not everyone could make it, we decided in that case to try and spread the work into three as there were three in our group. This theory was so that we could each go away and research and come back together to put things in place. We tried to meet again but certain people could not make it or just decided to go home early.

We tried to converse through a group chat on social media which did work quite well at first but again certain people would read the messages and not reply so it was just the two other members of the group trying to plan everything. When meeting in lecture all three members were present. We again allocated the work load but properly. The only other meeting we managed to have was in the library when the other member left had decided to start and finish the poster part on her own, in pink. Over the next few days one member was not seen again or really heard from over group chat so neither party could see the work that they had researched. Then when the other member was asked to show their findings and written que cards they said they hadn't done it yet and they worked well under pressure. This was the Friday before the Monday when the presentation was due to be presented. So, nobody had seen any research or written que cards. When this issue was brought up there was some hostility and ruction over the group social group chat. There was one morning to practice that the other group member left said they could come in, the morning before and the other group

member had not had any input in quite a few days. Due to bad weather that was not able to take place and left the group not able to continue as a group or present anything.

It was rescheduled to present a third of the presentation the following week but as an individual. Feelings on this group work task were mostly stressful and frustration. Not knowing or being able to see the other members research or work made it very frustrating and worrying as to whether myself had researched the right things or missed anything out. Feeling frustrated and having to try and be professional at all times to make the deadline and show your ability to work well in a group to your peers. The bad things were that we were not able to work together or manage to actually present as a group at all. The good thing that came out of this experience was that a lot of struggles in group work arose during this period so to learn from it and look into methods of how to deal with these issues.

To conclude on this reflective account preparation is key, being prepared also involves being organised and having these skills in place properly, problems like this should not occur or have effect on your own personal work. When writing a personal reflection there are ways to do so, the method used to write this reflection was by Gibbs developed in 1988, he uses a cycle to analyse and learn from the experience in an easy and simple format. He begins with Description, what happened. Then Feelings, what were you thinking. Evaluation, good and bad points. Analysis, what do you make of the situation. Conclusion, what else could have been done. To end the cycle with an action plan in what methods would or should you use if these problems came up again, (Oxford Brookes University 2017).

Reflective accounts are also essential in youth work practice, according to youth and policy (2012) Youth Workers who implement reflective practice when working with young people are more likely to thrive and make a difference, organisation and timing is imperative to have a positive outcome in their line of work the same sort of reflective cycle is used when reflecting on working with young people in any setting. Working in a group as a student gives you experience and skills for the future, as in time experience is what will help you the most, but having methods to help you along the way is always a positive gain.



