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Digital Skills and Research Methods

Session 3

Trawsnewid Addysg; Trawsnewid Bywydau
Transforming Education; Transforming Lives



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Learning Objectives

- Understand the assignment
- Understand Moodle
- Set up a blog on Moodle

Assignment

- Produce a weekly **in class** blog that critically comments on contemporary digital and research skills and issues in the workplace.
- As a starting point, you can use the questions included on the sessions' slides, or any discussions point raised in class or indeed any relevant ideas of your own.
- Your comments should be informed i.e. backed by evidence. You should aim to write a total of 1500 words during the semester. (10 x 200 words)
(You can only work on this during class times and when on campus)

Moodle

- Familiarise yourself with the layout of Moodle

Blogs

Academic blogging serves the following purposes:

- communicates your thoughts about the course material between yourself and instructors, and among your peers;
- provides regular feedback between you and the instructors to help match your expectations;
- serves as a platform for synthesis of new knowledge and ideas;
- helps to develop critical thinking;
- helps to elicit topics of interest, challenging topics that need improvement etc;
- helps to clarify troublesome concepts.

Blogs

A good post is personal, reflective, and substantive. Additionally, your reader must be understand clearly what you have written. If it is provocative or controversial, references should be provided to substantiate your thoughts.

The following factors contribute to a good post:

- good “snappy” titles;
- good content;
- controversial content;
- images to illustrate your views and inform your readers;
- hyperlinks that take readers deeper into the topic or discussion;
- humour, word play, or even satire to strengthen your post and entertain your readers.

Blogs

Here are some guiding questions to think about when writing your post:

- What new concepts did I learn this week?
- What excited me about the week's activities? Why?
- Which of the week's activities helped me to understand creativity and innovation better? Why?
- Which of the week's activities was least useful to me? Why?
- How can the week's activities be strengthened?
- What new insights and problem solving strategies did I realise during discussions or while working with others?
- What would I like to learn more about? Why?

Your first blog

- (Write this in Word first then copy and paste...)
- Introduce yourself
- Brief background information
- State why you are on the course
- What you hope to learn from this module
- What you have learnt so far