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In this essay I will be reflecting on my personal experience on the group poster presentation, firstly we were put into a group of four at the time I felt unsure about my group as I was worried that there was a possibility that some students would not engage due to lack of attendance. Whilst there was only myself and another student in at this point we decided to choose 1980s for our poster, we then researched to get some points before meeting up later on to start the poster.

I had arranged for our group to meet up at a certain date and time and then organized a room exclusively for our group. Unfortunately due to my son having an operation I was limited on time and dates as I needed to be there for his operation and recovery, going back to when we had met up there was a lack of motivation and input within the group which made me feel quite anxious as I knew I only had a limited amount of time to get as much done as possible, by the end of it we had decided what key factors each student would research and then present on the day. Another student and I were in contact with each other many of times discussing the poster and sharing ideas, which eased my mind quite a lot. On the day before the presentation I became unwell with gastroenteritis which then became an issue that caused me to miss the initial presentation, I contacted my group to let them know and apologised which led me to feel disappointed in myself for letting them down.

I was able to present my part for the poster at a later date, which I am very thankful for.

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“The members of the group are in interaction with one another. They share a common goal and a set of norms which give direction and limits to their activity. They also develop a set of roles and a network of interpersonal attraction which serves to differentiate them from other groups”

(Hare, 1962 cited in Payne 2007, p. 125)

Within our group I felt pressure to take the lead as we seemed to be unclear of what was what. Once it was decided who was doing certain aspects of 1980s then the poster started to come together.

According to Tuckman (1965) there are stages within groups; Forming, Storming, Norming and Performing and that groups would need to investigate these stages to be able to advance productively as a group. A group is three or more people at the beginning of the group we all had our input but working as individuals instead of a team it is the first stage of the development, next we then experienced conflict within the group and the groups dynamic had changed. Every group will have characteristics whether it being someone taking the lead which as a result could cause conflict or the group being unwilling to engage in the research, Behaviours will have an impact on the group and the dynamic will change the feel of the group. Furthermore, the group then should go through the stage norming, taking in decisions and compromising with each other, the group should start to work together and listen. Following this the group should then begin to perform after completing the previous stages, they should support one another and should agree on a structure which in most cases improves the dynamic and progress of the group.

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Finally according to Tuckman there is a final stage Adjourning where the group is disintegrated as a result each member of the group will go different ways .

In my opinion I feel that we had partly undertaken some of these stages but not all because of personal issues therefor we did not perform as a group as myself and another student was unable to attend, Because of this it put pressure on those that did attend.

I enjoyed participating as part of a group and learning a lot about the historical milestones in the development of youth work in the 1980s, Especially learning how young people were seen to be the cause of many upset throughout the riots even though this was not the case, and how people had a specific stereotypical view on young people. Also learning more about each other, In particular it helped build friendships and understanding issues that we were all going through.

If we were to do this presentation again, I would hope that there would be equal involvement from everyone in the group and that we would all participate to the best of our ability, as well as trying not to let personal issues affect my input and performance towards the task, I would hope to be able to have a positive experience rather than a stressful experience. Furthermore, to set up a plan and follow it accordingly and for everyone to understand what is required and have a clear understanding of everybody's involvement also then to be able to present it together with the team and be proud of what we had achieved.

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... groupwork provides a context in which individuals help each other; it is a method of helping groups as well as helping individuals; and it can enable individuals and groups to influence and change personal, group, organizational and community problems (Brown 1992: 8. Emphasis in the original cited from Infed.org, 2019).

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