



What we will cover today



Common issues in group work



About the staying connected toolkit



Activities to engage students in the resources

Group roles
Planning group
meetings



If you have questions just ask



Challenges in Group work

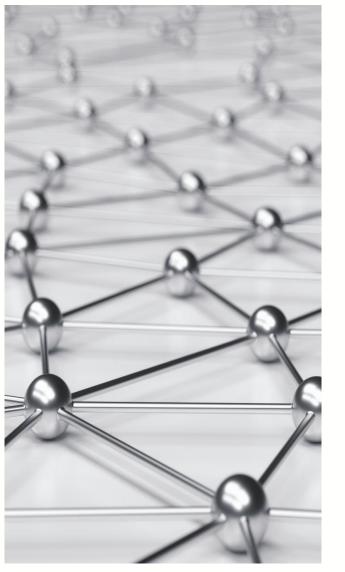
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- What aspects of supervising student group work do you find most challenging?







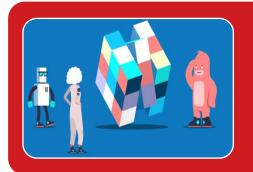


Staying Connected: a Toolkit for Effective Groupwork

- 1. Work in partnership with students to evaluate current group work practices and resources (Graham & Pringle Barnes, 2020)
- 2. <u>Co-create</u> recommendations on what is working and gaps in provision
- 3. <u>Collaborate</u> effectively in an online and blended environment
- Student led development of resources that support the:
 - Process: e.g. reflection, communication, problem solving.
 - Product: contributions to assessed group work
 - **Delivery** to students and staff across subject disciplines



Analysis & Recommendations



Organising Tasks, Roles & Goals

Process rather than product (Reid & Garson, 2017)



Participation & Reflective process

• Fear of unequal contributions (Chang & Brickman, 2018)

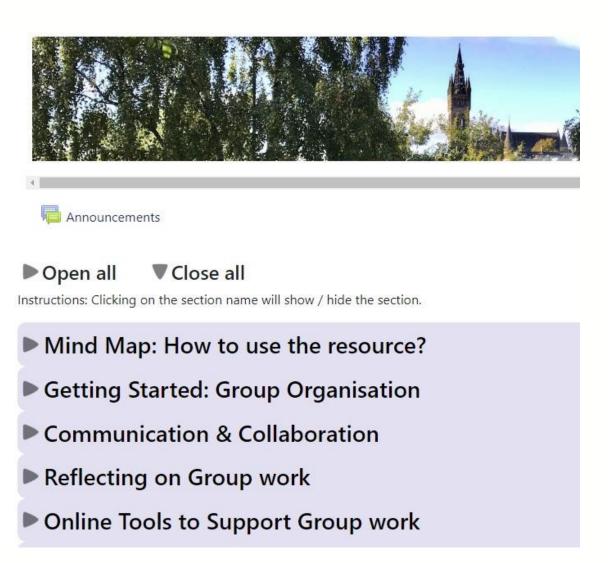


Communication & Collaboration

Diversity in groupwork (Mittelmeir, 2018)



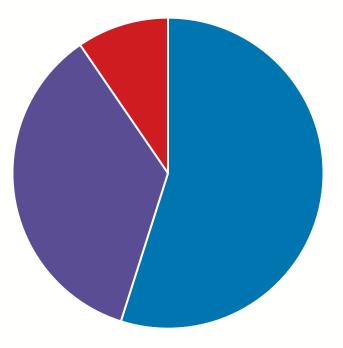
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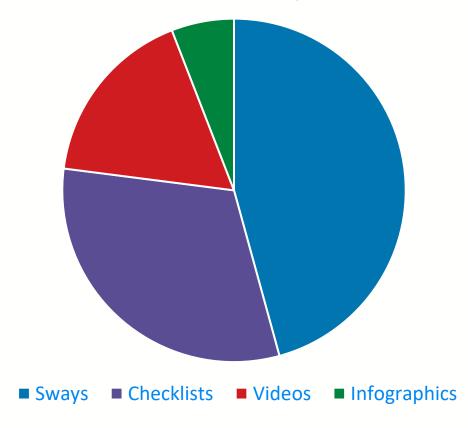
How are Students using the Resources?





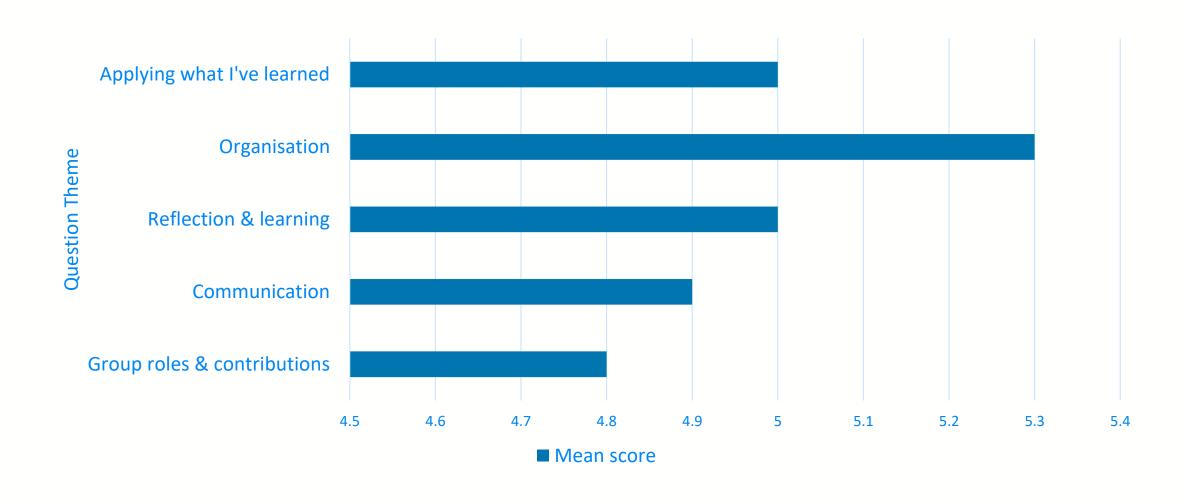
- Getting started/group organisation
- Addressing Issues/Collaboration
- Reflection and using online tools

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Student Feedback : Questionnaire





Analysis of Student Comments

The actioning tasks and resources in the "Getting Started" section was helpful because I could see literal examples of the ways I can navigate and manage group work."

"From reflection I have learnt what works well and what doesn't, allowing me to bring it forward to a new group project."

"Ice breakers for getting to know each other in the first place."

"The cultural section ... stopped me from taking things too personally."

"We used the video on team roles to effectively delegate different aspects of group work at the start of the course."

".....more reminders that these resources exist as I read them at the start and then completely forgot about them!"

"....a slightly 'fasttracked' version or a pointer towards the bits they will find essential.."



Challenges in Group work (review)

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Activity: Group Roles & Organisation

https://sway.office.com/ySmyUOIlayFSem3T?ref=Link

- 1. Identify key tips *your* students could employ to:
 - Get to know each other
 - Allocate group roles
 - Improve group organisation
- 2. Resources
 - Getting started
 - How to plan and structure a meeting
 - Templates for online groupwork
- 3. Share on www.menti.com CODE 49 13 75 5





Tips for your students

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Any Questions?

Share the Moodle and sways – anyone can access with the enrolment key (groupwork)
You can duplicate the sways and edit for your own teaching (Cite original authors and CC licence)
We would love to hear about how you and your students use the resources

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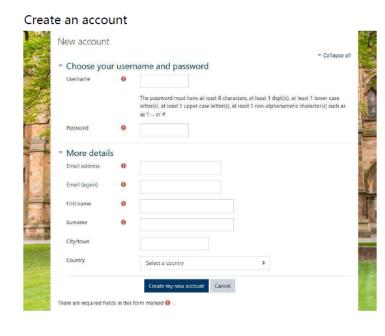
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