#wsarcs2012
RCS (Practical stuff)

Levels and styles are different

Platform (foundations) are the same
1. Blackboard / EdShare

2. Digital Collector & Blogging

3. Reflective Writing

4. Library Resources

5. Visual Research

6. Copyleft (IP & Copyright)

7. Feedback week

8. Ethics

9. Digital Output

10. Summary & Submission
your feedback
hand in -
FRIDAY 5pm
completed all tasks
- Tasks were all about posting to the visual journal/blog

- We will be looking at presentation of post (20%)

- The writing skills of each post and the summary post (80%)
Final task: Reflective Summary

- Write a 500 word reflective statement on your progress during this module.

- Focus your discussion on one or two specific lectures, tasks, or subjects that had an impact on your thinking/practice.

- Discuss what you have learnt and how it has/will influence your work on future.

- Ensure you refer to at least one academic source to support the points you make.
Tips:
Reflective writing should include:

- Description of events, experiences and processes
- An indication of your feelings about these events
- Both positive and negative experiences
- Self-questioning about these experiences
- Analysis of your work / your progress
- Suggestions for future practice
- An honest appraisal of your experience
- Links to your practice and academic sources
- Use of the first person (I) in your writing
Why reflective writing is important

- Allows you to stand back and assess your work in a more detached light.
- Examining both your positive and negative experiences can help you understand why you approach things in certain ways and avoid others.
- Solving problems can become easier if you regularly reflect upon your practice.
- Reflective writing allows your tutors to see how your practice and idea develop.
- Reflection is an essential skill for your future working life.
How to prepare for final task

- Select what to include from your blog when writing up the final reflective statement.
- An LSD approach can be useful:
  - Look through the entries in your blog
  - Select those that you want to incorporate
  - Deepen your initial thoughts, as by this stage you will have had the benefit of hindsight to guide you.
- Quotes are useful for illustrating key points.
Commons problems with reflective writing

• Your writing is too descriptive and does not offer much analysis
• It reads like a diary i.e. a list of events, or it's too personal and not really about your work
• Your final statement does not capture anything meaningful because you've written it at the last minute, and not used a journal throughout the term/year
Commons problems with reflective writing

- Your writing is a general overview of events, and does not highlight any critical incidents
- There is little or nothing said about things that did not go well for you – only positive events are discussed
- In cases where a problem is identified, you do not take ownership of the situation, and see others as responsible
- There's no detailed discussion about what you've learnt, and how things could be done differently in the future
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