Learning Futures: A Model for Embedding Student Employability Skills into Futures Research

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Change is coming.
Listening to learners
The Creating Academic Learning Futures Project (C Alphabet)

AIM

To involve students in creating and exploring a variety of plausible ‘alternative futures’ for learning and teaching in higher education.

To inform teachers, managers and policy-makers of the “student voice” for the future of learning.

http://www.le.ac.uk/beyonddistance/calf/
Learning Futures Thinking

Employability Skills
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Finding relevant information quickly.
Evaluation of information
Multi-tasking, time-management and prioritising
Networking and team working
Action-planning, target-setting
Self-presentation and communication
Technology skills that contribute to effective execution of tasks
Learning Futures for Employability

12/9/2010
Salmon & Romenska, HEA Conference 2010
Group 2 Activity 2

Possibilities:

2. Today the vice-chancellor announced that the university would invest 3 million pounds in renovation of the student accommodation blocks, in recognition of the fact that a good quality living environment has a positive impact on the students' learning experience. These renovations will include a creative thinking space.

4. To add to that, the bidding for the Automated Chemical Synthesis of Long Oligoribonucleotides unit on C-bay was quite intensive – there were around 200 bids for only 80 available downloads of the unit. I was outbid early. Still, I managed to get a good deal. After the end of the bidding, I negotiated with one of the successful bidders that he will guide me through the Automated Chemical Synthesis unit and in exchange, I will teach him the urban engineering unit I got accredited for by my virtual University last month.

5. I managed to listen through the first basic calculus units yesterday while I was stuck in traffic to work, did the exercises at Café Buck, and the accreditation was uploaded on my Facenote profile the same day.

6. One of my Facenote contacts also has an interest in Automated Chemical Synthesis of Long Oligoribonucleotides, we got in touch after we discovered we had tagged the same course components on Youtube. He has forwarded me C...
Scenario Building

- STEEPLE:
  - Social
  - Technological
  - Economic
  - Environment (natural)
  - Political
  - Legal
  - Ethical
Involvement:
Actors, stakeholders and agency
Cognitive Mapping
Present
A Future For The University of Leicester Medical School

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In August 2009 over three weeks students from the University of Leicester Medical School participated in a CALF project training on how to collaborate to prepare future scenarios, assess their plausibility, construct arguments about the future and present their ideas creatively. This is the final project of one of the students, in which she presents a possible future for the University of Leicester Medical School...

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Take Away from Today

• Incorporate employability

• Demonstrated and demonstrable

• Motivate students

• It is easy
OUTCOMES

The Learning Technology of the Future
Collaboration reduced the time necessary for personal employability plans.
The outcomes are stored and accessible after the end of the research project.
Distance Research Alliance and Australian Digital Futures Institute

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