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Inspiring tomorrow’s professionals

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Primary principle

Social = Cognitive = Teaching

Garrison and Vaughn 2008
Community of Practice

Social presence + social interaction = social learning (Tu, 2002)
Critical Friendship Groups
### Core Conditions
- Empathy
- Acceptance (UPR)
- Genuineness
  (Rogers, 1989)

### Assumptions of Andragogy
- Self direction
- Self development
- Problem centred
- Motivation
- Use of own experience
  (Knowles *et al*, 2005)
Online space

Using Posterous

BG-Group-shared-social-space

February 28, 2011

Hello!

Hello All

I have attached you all to this posterous site. Any notes between you can be posted here and there is a space to respond to individual posts too. When someone posts a message it pings out an email to your preferred email. Anyone can respond.

Liz has said she would like to contact you all, so look out for that.

It's a good place to keep in contact, post ideas or ask questions to the group. All responses will be available to everyone attached. This is intended to be an informal social space linked to the BA but a way of staying in touch with everyone, not just your individual critical friendship groups that we hope are still fitting fit.

It was good to see you all on Saturday.

Jane

13 responses

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their support improves confidence

I couldn’t do it without them

There’s a positive group identity, I feel part of the group

This relationship is essential

...my uncertain nature has needed this reinforcing support ....... it is going to become a vital part of our success on the course. ....

as critical friends we support and challenge each other to be able to reflect more deeply