Soutenir une transition transformatrice vers l'apprentissage à distance et en ligne
*Scaffolding a Transformative Transition to Distance and Online Learning*
Symposium Virtuel | Virtual Symposium

Résumé du Google Doc collaboratif : **Concevoir/faciliter le travail de groupe en contexte virtuel**
Summary of the Collaborative Google Doc: **Designing/Facilitating Group Work in a Virtual Context**

Questions de discussion | *Prompt Discussion Questions:*

1. **Le travail de groupe est-il important pour les étudiants? Pourquoi?**
   *Is group work important for students? Why?*
   
   - They will need to be able to work together in their careers
     - It demonstrates the need for accountability, and that sometimes group work doesn’t always work out well - a great lesson for future life and professional situations.
   - Lessens their individual work by dividing it up
   - Another way beside MCQs to assess their learning
   - Need to learn to work with others, even if this is not someone you would have chosen to work with or if you don’t really like that person
   - Helps students examine different perspectives and fosters inclusive education and embrace diversity
   - Collaboration is key to learning and builds a community of learners which extends to larger society
   - Peer assess within the group or between groups
   - Way to help with or substitute for with lack of face-to-face contact - being put into groups opens the door to getting to know at least 4 or 5 of their peers
   - Mathematics - Summative assessments simply have them solve problems and do calculations without showing or explaining their work - maybe group work so they can learn how to write a solution with full explanation of their work and why

2. **Comment structurer et intégrer la responsabilité dans le travail de groupe?**
   *How do you structure and embed accountability within group work?*
   
   - Peer evaluation within the group. Students see rubric ahead of time so they know how they will be evaluated by other group members
   - Get them to do self reflection
   - Set deadlines and if deadline not met by a group member, their part of the work is not included in the final project submission
3. Quel type d'outils/technologies utilisez-vous pour faciliter un travail de groupe efficace en ligne?

What type of tools/technologies do you use to facilitate effective group work online?

- Varied features within Brightspace
  - Brightspace forum: for students to formulate their questions by Monday PM and then answer on Wednesday - work in groups.
- Zoom with breakout rooms
- Perusall - annotate course readings together
  - Padlet and Miro
- Google docs and other collaborative software
- Email for group work

4. Quelles préoccupations, les étudiants, ont-ils à propos du travail de groupe? Comment répondre à ces préoccupations?

What concerns do students have about doing group work? How to address those concerns?

- Not all students like doing group work - prefer to do the assignment as an individual.
- What if someone is not pulling their weight - does everyone get the same mark? This needs to be addressed with students
- Group size - smaller is better
- Students would like to choose the members of their group, but consensus is that it is much better to have Brightspace do it randomly.
- Different time zones-address standardize due dates and meeting times that work for all;
- Poor internet connection impedes participation
5. Autres réflexions :

Other reflections:

- Instructions need to be more explicit than if you were telling the class in person - students cannot stick up their hand to ask a question so all aspects of the online group work need to be explained as completely as possible.
- Not wanting to do group work because they don't have time - too much going on with the pandemic
- When working in a group, if someone is not pulling their weight/slacking, one should first seek to understand the persons barriers to contributing versus immediately assuming that they are not working hard or purposely slacking. But one also needs structures in place to hold people accountable and make sure they are working hard and honestly. So it is a balance.