

Week 1: Introduction Email

Good morning everyone. I'm XXXX and I'm the lead for this unit, XXXX. I met some of you at the online induction last week and you'll see quite a few videos and photos and hear my voice a fair bit in the learning materials for this unit. I'm really looking forward to working with you and learning from you, with the wealth of teaching experience in a broad range of disciplines that I know we have among this year's group. Every year new participants on the course bring fresh perspectives and food for thought which helps me move forward with my own practice as an educator.

Welcome to the first week of Element 1 of XXXXX. Really looking forward to getting started, getting to know you and beginning to hear about your own experiences and initial thoughts about yourselves as educators. If you haven't done so already, please go onto the Voicethread link and introduce yourself to the group.

My email address is XXXX@manchester.ac.uk - please feel free to approach me with any queries you have about this course unit.

We'll see you on Friday afternoon, if you can make it, at the tutorial at 2pm UK time, where XXXX and I will field your initial questions and summarise where we expect you to be up to by the end of week 1. Please post any questions for the tutorial on the General Discussion Area. Immediately after the tutorial at 3pm UK time, we're going to host 'Coffee O'Clock' for anybody who'd just like to stay on and have a more informal chat - with us and with other learners on the course. Don't forget to bring your own coffee and cake... it's Friday afternoon, after all!

Please work your way through the learning activities for week 1 of element 1 which take you up to this first tutorial, posting to the discussion board as you go in order to share ideas and provoke thinking and reflection in others. We'll be checking the discussion boards and maybe prompting further discussion ourselves with the odd comment.

Just bear in mind that by Wednesday of next week (that's Wed XXXX) you need to have submitted your one-page plan to the Formative Peer Review space. And then all of you need to review one another's work by the end of the following day (Thurs XXXX). We'll then look at that work and summarise recurring themes in the 2nd tutorial on Fri XXXX.

It seems like a lot to remember, but this is the first week so it's all new to all of us. You'll get into the swing of the weekly expectations as this rhythm repeats itself throughout the 8 weeks of learning in this course unit. Just work your way through the learning materials, try to relax into it and enjoy it, contribute to the discussion board and we'll see you on Friday afternoon. I'll be in touch again mid-week.

Best wishes

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