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Foundation Health and Science Route student

Q So you've been using ELGG for about one semester. Can you tell me how you found it? Did you ever use social networking before and if so did you find this easier or harder?

A I'd not used a social networking site before, no, so ELGG was my first experience. I didn't find it too difficult really, we were introduced to it in a class by our tutor Vicky and she got us in and just told us to go away and play with it and that's what I did and I found it fairly easy to use.

I've since tried Facebook and I find it too confusing, there's too much going on for me.

Q How would you say your skills in IT were?

A High.

Q You're a high user?

A Yes, I do everything online – I shop online, bank online, so, yes.

Q In terms of reflective learning did you find that you found that easy to start with or is it something you're used to or did you have to really think about how to reflect on your learning rather than just writing a diary?

A We started reflecting on our learning when we first started on the course the previous year and I found reflecting difficult anyway, just doing it in a diary and the thought of then publishing that... thoughts that prefer to be kept private to be put on the web was a little bit scary to start with. I wasn't quite sure how to do that but I think I've got the hang of it now the only snag is there's not many people from our course using it to reflect on but I think some of that is going back to the IT skills question, there's other people in the group who haven't got good IT skills, and that's definitely been a barrier for them using ELGG.

Q If that's the barrier what do you think are the more positive things, things that actually help it to go forward?

A I think actually having a session of IT skills or an IT workshop running would have been really useful, even before ELGG came on board a lot of the students were struggling in doing research on the internet and just sort of generally using those resources. I think some sort of IT workshop running alongside all the foundation degrees particularly would be very useful for some of the less able students.

Q Do you think you'll be continuing to use it when this actual project is over?

A That will depend. If everybody else starts to use it then possibly but it's just been two of our students from our particular group that have been using it so it gets a little bit one-sided when you're sort of blogging to yourself! Really. So I'm not sure, see how it develops really I think.

Q Are you dyslexic in any way?

A No.