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Developing a positive learning environment



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Outcomes

By the end of the session you will be able;

- Identify the components of a positive learning environment
- How to establish different learning needs of participants
- •Evaluate own practice in delivering inclusive learning and teaching

Basic tools for positive learning

- Time Management
- Ice Breakers, Warm-ups & Energizers
- Ground rules
- Group Work
- Communication
- Audio-visual aids
- Feedback techniques
- Questioning techniques

P.A.C.E.R. – How to Tutor skills

- Plan for delivery
- Align Structure to learner needs
- Communicate effectively
- Engage through Facilitation
- Review activity and learning

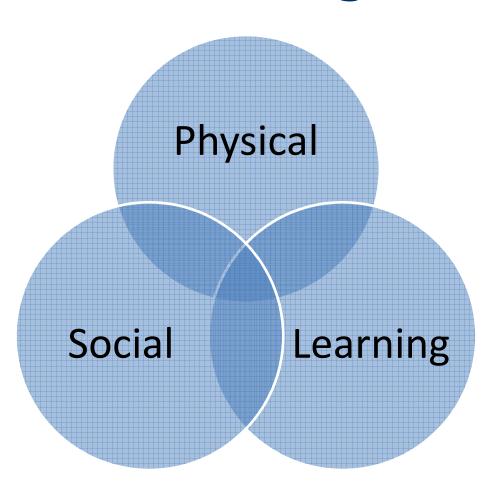
Positive Learning environment

- Friendly and welcoming
- Planning and prep
- Setting room out correctly (climate)
- Ground rules and what happens if.... (sanctions)
- Awareness of fears and expectations (Know where people are at)
- Building rapport with participants
- Awareness of different learning styles
- Checking learning
- Refreshments
- Being aware of potential conflict and preparing for it in advance
- Identify key aspects of Body language

Creating and maintaining a positive Learning Environment

- What are the key aspects;
- Starting a session
- During a session
- Ending a session

Inclusive Learning Environment



Learning Styles

- People learn in different ways
- Their Styles and Preferences might be different from yours

Going into the unknown....

- As we know There are known knowns.
 There are things we know we know.
 We also know There are known unknowns.
 That is to say We know there are some things we do not know
 But there are also unknown unknowns,
 The ones we don't know We don't know.
- D.H. Rumsfeld USA secretary of defense 2001 to 2006

Conscious Competence Learning Model

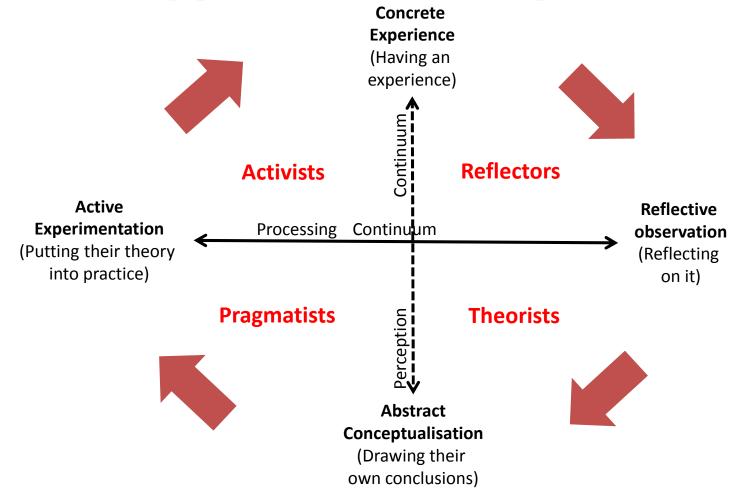
1. Unconscious incompetence

4. Unconscious competence

2. Conscious incompetence

3. Conscious competence

Kolb applied with Honey and Mumford



VARK

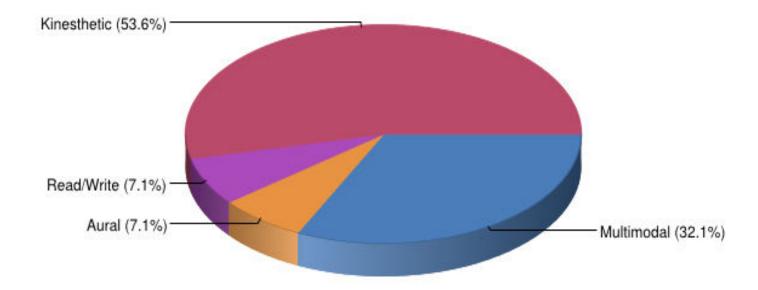
- **VISUAL** learners who would like to see it on the whiteboard, flip charts, walls, graphics, pictures, colour. They are probably your creative students and love using colours
- AUDITORY-learners who would like to sit back and listen.
 They don't make a lot of notes
- READ/WRITE- learners who need to read the information for themselves and they take a lot of notes
- KINAESTHETIC-learners who cannot sit still for long, like to fiddle with things. They like to be actively involved in their learning.

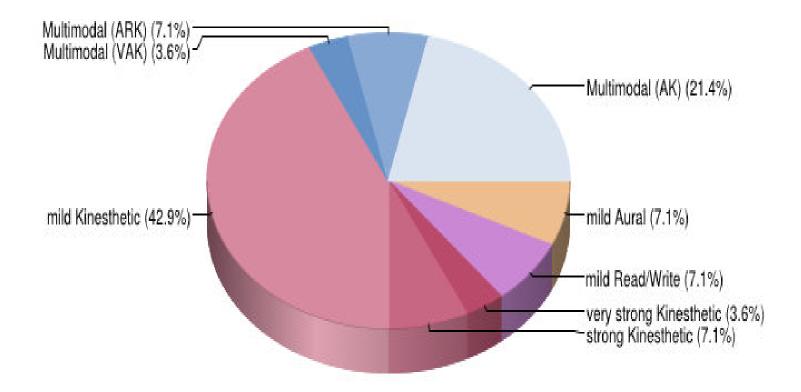
Things to consider

- What type of learners?
- What activities do you use to assess the stages of learning and preferred learning style?
- How were you going to test those assumptions early in the session?
- What assumptions can you make about their learning style?

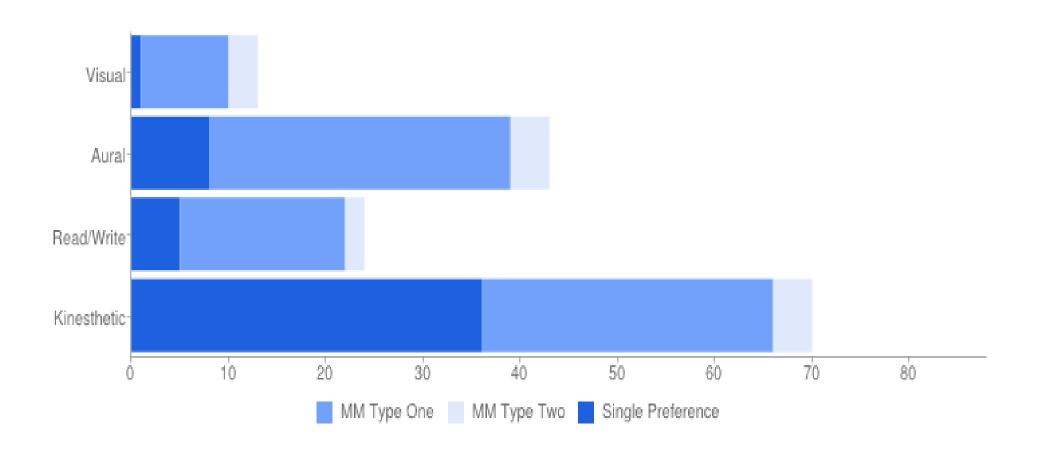
Style Conflict

- As tutors, we tend to default to our own preferred learning style
- There is the potential for conflict if your preferred learning style is in contrast to that of the learner
- Tutors can easily become frustrated by the different ways in which each approaches new material

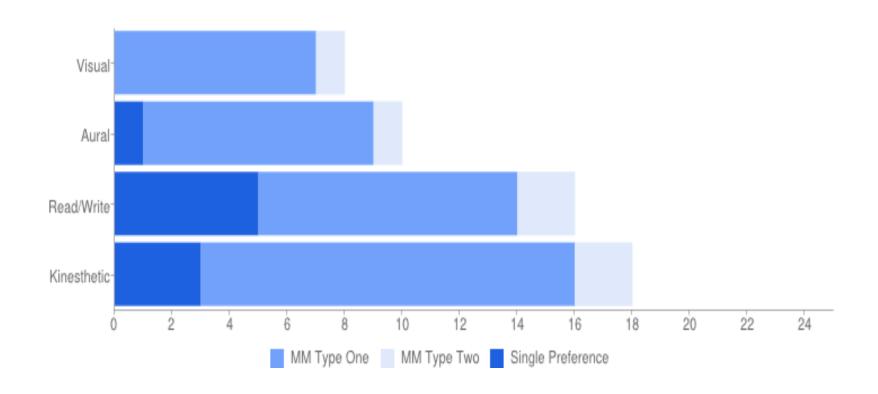




Tutors



Coaches



Different delivery styles

- Autocratic Style Telling
- Autocratic Style Selling
- Democratic Style Allowing
- Bureaucratic Leadership Style
- Laissez faire style allowing



Delivery Tools

- Lecture (push)
- Whole/large group
- Small groups
- Pairs
- Wordstorming and buzz groups
- Ice-breakers, warm-ups and energisers
- Role plays
- Simulation
- Case studies
- PowerPoint

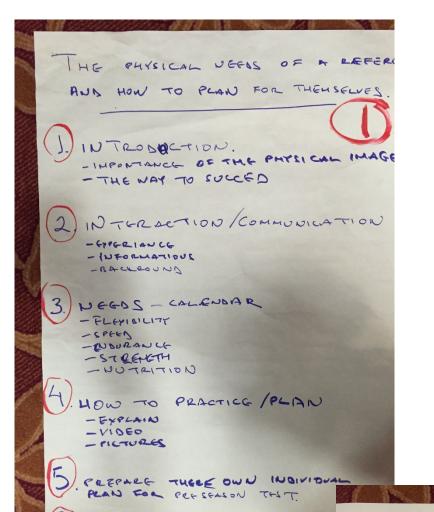
- Questioning (pull)
- Draw out learning (pull)
- DVD
- Music
- Handouts/questionnaires
- Quiz
- Cue cards / flash cards
- Props
- Post-its
- You Tube
- Flip charts

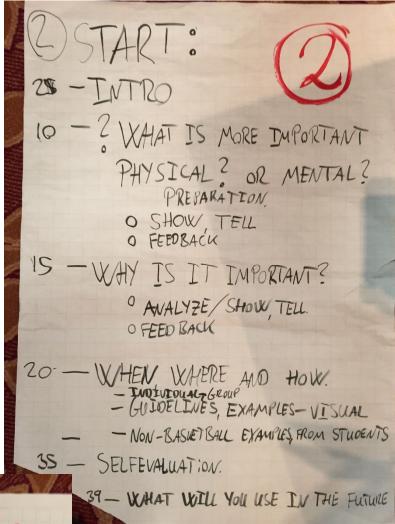
Managing Flip chart feedback

- Market place
- One person feedback
- Rotation of Flip charts or people
- X?√
- Envoy
- Flip charts on the wall and rotate to explore different issues - Talking Wall
- Post-its in colour
- Pictures what will it look like?

Group tasks

- By the end of the session referee candidates will be able to understand:
- 1. The physical needs of a referee and how to plan for themselves
- 2. The mental preparation and practice needs of a referee
- 3. How to introduce the rules to new referees
- 4. The key aspects of the mechanics of refereeing
- 5. Player/coach management techniques





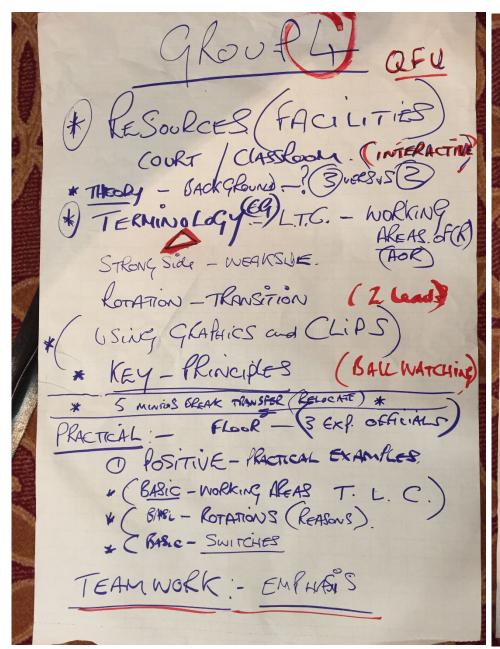
Introducing rules to new refereer,

Methodology

1. Questions - what do you know

2. Explanations - practical

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PLAYER/COACH MANAGEMENT * REVIEW A SPECIFIC COACH/PLAYER CONFLICT SITUATION AND THE ACTIONS OF THE OFFICIATING CREW - VIDEO PLAY QUESTIONS * DID THE CREW MANAGE THIS SITUATION IN A GOOD OR BAD WAY? · WHAT DID THEY DO WELL! · WHAT IMPROVEMENT COULD THEY HAVE MADE? · WAS THIS SITUATION PREVENTABLE? HOW? * WHAT DO THE RULES SAY? FIBA GUIDELINES/INTERPRETATIONS? * WHAT IMPORTANCE/VALUE IS THE PRE-GAME TO DEALING WITH THIS ? EXPLAIN! * WHAT CHARACTERISTICS / ACTIONS INFLAME / DIFFUSE THE CONFLICT * INSTRUCTOR GIVE THEIR OPINION ON THE CONFLICT LASTLY - STUDENTS TO WRITE DOWN 3 THINGS THEY HAVE LEARNT FROM VIDEO TEST 3 SITUATIONS

Questioning and Listening

In this next section we are going to...

- Explore the relationship between questioning and listening
- Explore how to question effectively
- Explore how to listen actively
- Integrate questioning and listening as a style of facilitation into your delivery bag of tricks

Questioning

- Closed
- Open
 - Reflective
 - Hypothetical
 - Follow-on
 - Probe
 - Funnelling
 - Drill (Focused)
 - Leading

Types of open questions

- 6 W's When Where How What Who Why
- Tell me about...
- How would you...
- Describe how you…
- Remind me about...
- Give me examples of how/what/where...

Keeping the discussion going

- ...and...
- ...give me more detail about..

Paralanguage

Its not what you say it's the way you say it

Formative & Summative Questions

- **Formative questions** are asked during the programme. They may be asked on an ongoing basis or at periodic times. The questions are usually asked for the purpose of programme improvement-to receive immediate feedback and input in order to know how things are going and what improvements and/or additions might be needed.
- **Summative questions** ask about what resulted, what was effective. These questions are asked at or after completion of the programme (or a phase of the programme). They are asked largely for the purpose of deciding whether to continue, extend, or terminate a programme.

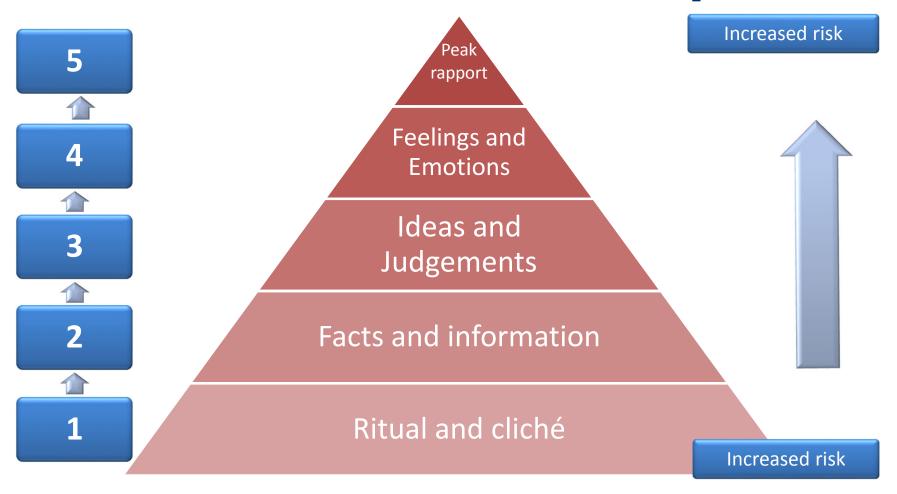
Examples of formative questions

- To what extent are the participants that we targeted for this programme attending? Are they completing the programme?
- Are all players participating in all sessions? If not, why not?
- Do people appear to be learning?
- What seems to be working, not working? For whom?

Examples of summative questions

- To what extent did communication problems decline as a result of the coaching programme?
- Do participants perform differently as a result of their participation in the programme? How?
- Given the results, was the programme worth the costs?

Levels of questions



'We hear half of what is said
We listen to half of that.
We understand half of that.
We believe half of that.
And we remember half of that!'

As tutors/coaches what can you do

to improve these proportions?

"Tell me and I forget Show me and I remember Involve me and I understand"

- LISTEN is an anagram of SILENT
- Observe their paralanguage and body language
- Do not interrupt, add, elaborate or finish a sentence





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Summary

- Questioning, listening, feedback and group management are essential skills in a coach educator's tool box
- These soft skills are often neglected and assumed to be naturally occurring
- Like any skills to be mastered, they need to be understood and hard work needs to be invested in order for these to grow

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