Yes, Social networks can be used to aid learning

If I want to leave a message or a personal email, I can do it on their face book account and gets straight there. Whenever I post onto study net doesn't always go straight there then so I been using that as I think it can be used to aid learning. You can e-mail each other. It also builds up a friendly relationship between the two of you or three or however many there are a few and it builds up that relationship so that you get that relationship and helps the way you go and meet up and that sort of thing. When you do face-to-face meetings, you can meet up and work at it 31

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Definitely actually I use face book a lot for communicating to people within my team. We use it as more a casual way of using it 33

It is more social than educational I suppose it could aid in learning in how to use the Internet. ... through practice of using that you would have a better understanding of how to use other websites 23

Yes, because the university site which is study net is a bit difficult to understand at times. A social network like face book could be used to sort of tell the rest of your group what is going on if you understand it better and also

to interact if you are having a

practical difficult to solve so you

could chat it over social network

yes they could be used to aid learning, although they are social networks. I guess. I find them very useful. I keep in touch with friends who are doing other, who are studying law at other universities. and we have been able to compare notes sometimes

I've spoke about

using MSN, which is

a type of social

network to

communicate with

people from my

course so that we

can know what we

are doing tomorrow

So I have been using

that, 33

Especially face book, and

instead of me using e-mail. I would use face book...reasons is by e-mail, you have to go through the email process and you have to know the persons email address, think of a subject to write subject. There is a certain way of formatting email or if you want to attach files to there it is much more of a long and complicated process

it is easier access on face

book like an event system

and I've just just got the

volunteer centre to start

using it where you can set

up events and invite people

to come along and even

study groups could be made

over face book. 7

If I don't understand or something I want

to let other people in my group know

We have a face book group from a things on sometimes. 44

course which is really useful in posting things up to see when everybody is in and keeping in contact with each other and put our websites out there so we can get feedback up from from each other. I think it works a lot better than study net which can be difficult to find

For example in face book, you tend to catch up with people and find out how they are doing but on learning level we can also communicate with our peers on the subject and stuff. So I do believe it can aid learning somehow. 22

I personally use face book every now and then it is a nice break from studying so may be (laughs). Yeah basically face book my space, I suppose would be quite a good way to aid learning, especially some people as they seem to spend a lot of time on there (cheeky grin). 17

teaching aid. I don't see how beneficial it

could be. You can put pictures and videos.

I can't really see how it will work. You can't necessarily do any research on there etc. you can but obviously to keep in touch with people sending e-mails and that sort of thing it does aid your learning it does make communication a lot more effective for group work. It is very successful but not necessarily for other types of work 31

go on there to learn. 46

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MLE is already there

No it won't and the reasons that this is because you are taking a personal element out of it. There is no teaching, there is no person, there as no other end to talk to. 32 The answer is a big no, because they are more than a distraction they don't help you they make you to drift away from work I have a face book account and yes, you get the odd tendency to open up and look at what you are doing an essay and I spend more time on face book than I really want on the work so I've learnt not to try and do two things like that at the same time, 40

I think face book is one of those which has been used to combine your studying and your leisure time and one girl in my group suggested making a face book group for IP (no) because face book is for face book and Uni is for Uni and you don't kind of want to mix work and pleasure if you catch my drift.. 13

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But how are you going to supervise the whole thing and who was going to put the information up, that is the question. If someone has a way of doing it, then go ahead by all means and do so they could actually be very good. But people don't go on there to learn 46

How do students use their personal technologies? Would students use their personal technologies to aid learning? No

No it is a straight no actually, simply because face book and my space are avenues to get away from learning not to help learning...also because within the University of Hertfordshire as we all know we have study net I don't think there is any need to have face book to do the role that study net already does. Because study net in itself is a way to learn and I think that is a very useful way. 41

It doesn't really work. Too much of an easy distraction, in study net although you can have the social side of it. but primarily it is used for studying. Which makes it much more focused towards that 43

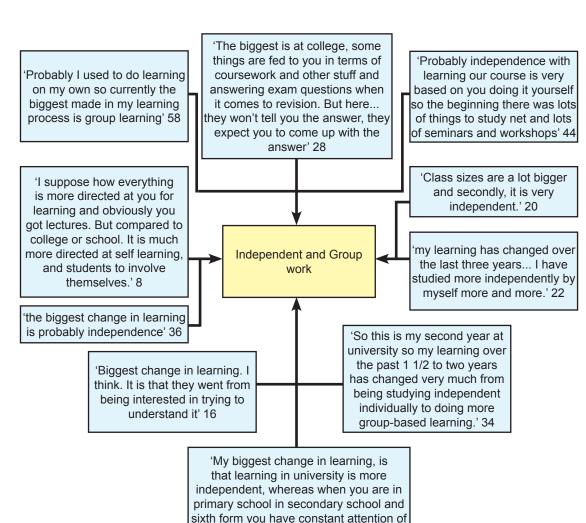
I would imagine that the networking it provides for discussion it provides it would be an informal study net, really. Study net has become part of my life over the last few years. It is so easy to log onto and check up and see if he had got any e-mails and it is in value. Keeping in touch with your peers and if the work on the project and you all in different places. 9

I'm going to say no initially because obviously as far as UH is concerned there is obviously study net which is something which can be monitored by teaching staff. 8

I think the University has got study net and a lot of lecture notes and lecture slides and even video or audio version of the lecture and discussion forums and e-mail and messaging. Really, we have our own sort of network there which I don't think the social network needs to fill in that gap. Because the gap isn't really there. 37

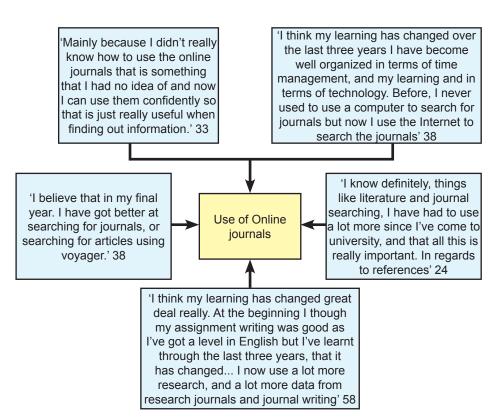






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## How do learners experience change through their learning journey? 05/08





'I think that I have 'I think my learning has changed 'I a a mature student I'm 28 'The biggest change I have had great deal really. At the beginning I 'I understand a learnt how to use a years old so my learning before in learning that I have been at lot more technology thought my assignment writing was university was very limited bit more better university is definitely the reliance as I learn coming good as I've got a level in English especially in the technology that than I did a on computers which I never had through from A-levels but I've learning through the last was used so therefore since I had few years ago before and not just in my course to university you are three years, that it has changed... I been at university the variety of when it comes although that is major of say required more to use now use a lot more research, and a technology that can be used to aid to the Internet that it is just in the reliance on things or technology to lot more data from research journals learning is probably the biggest 56 communication through e-mail' 32 aid your learning.' 39 and journal writing' 58 difference' 17 'The biggest change in learning I experienced and will be 'I am now much more comfortable with using a different because it's been such a huge gap between the present recourses and technology, and they are there, so that they education as a student and my previous one and just how can help my learning they have been very helpful in the last technology has moved on so far from research was done few years. Now, my learning is much more structured and in the library with books were questioning things from the my research investigation skills have been improved' 54 librarian for articles there really was no online facilities or hep simply technology wasn't there nothing was word 'Where obviously when you start at college, you can still handwrite essays and things like that so that was one of the processed there was no Google search box that you just things which has changed a lot... coming to uni, everything find out information at the click of a finger' 49 How do learners experience has to be typed up' 13 'Well, they have changed... see I wasn't so reliant on things change through their learning 'the biggest change in learning was the use of study net like MSN and Skype in the first year, I think I probably knew what MSN was in my first year... I didn't use it. Not until you can receive lectures, talk to lecturers direct even and... journey? get an effective and fast response from them and talk to probably the third year for transferring files back and forth, 05/08 arranging group meetings and checking up with each other other students over study net anything you want basically to do with your course was on study net to look for books or **Technology** how others parts was going.' 45 iournals it has been helpful' 41 'well obviously it has changed as in the 1st yr I just used normal computer and normal packages like office and 'So my learning has changed over the last three years Microsoft office and PowerPoint and Word and Excel. But because I was not familiar with pen tablet or programmes over the three years I have had to do presentations on that I'm using now before I came to university.' 32 side had to be able to gain new skills and do presentations in front of people, so I have had to use different 'The biggest change is that there is a larger amount of technologies' 15 communication via e-mail between myself and lecturers... I never used to ever need to use email' 18 'My learning has changed dramatically because coming to university three years ago I was doing A-levels and used computers at my sixth form College and the musical equivalent on tech that they had there of a similar standard 'I think nearly The biggest change to what i actually owned myself now, so my learning has 'The time I've spent on the 'The biggest change in everything is IT focused is that there is more changed because technology has got better.' 18 learning has been the use of computer has increased an now certainly everything subjects... using study net, as I had never used awful lot. The fact that you vou hand in has to be technologies such as the system like this before to have to spend so much time word processed a lot the pod casts to help help with my learning and I typing a Word documents and us and allowing us to of resources ar enow was not familiar with it. But making presentations now, online, and again often. record in a lectures and whereas before you could stidy net kept my learning up we will have a sheet also putting up valuable handwrite it for A-levels most to date, kept me informed in printed off with various information on study events and topics' 54 of it was handwritten.' 4 Web links,' 42 net.' 3