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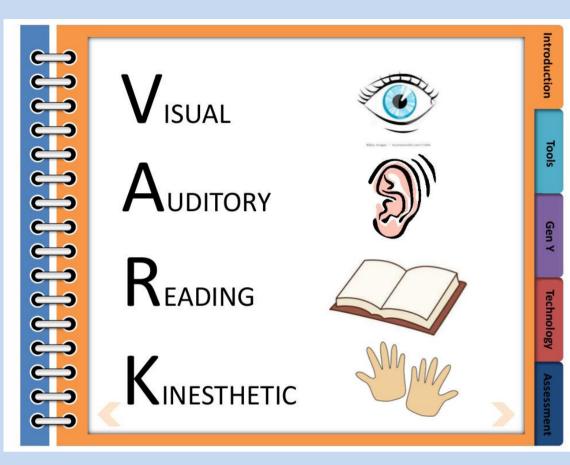
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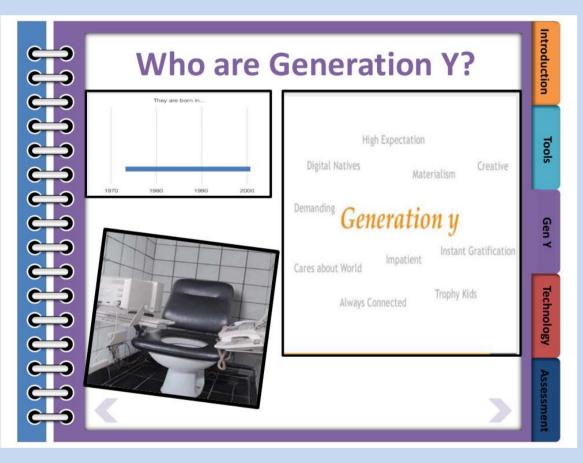
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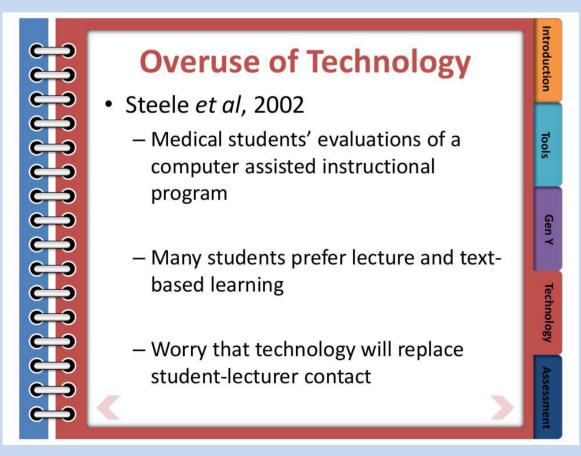
Questions, ...



How do your students like to learn?



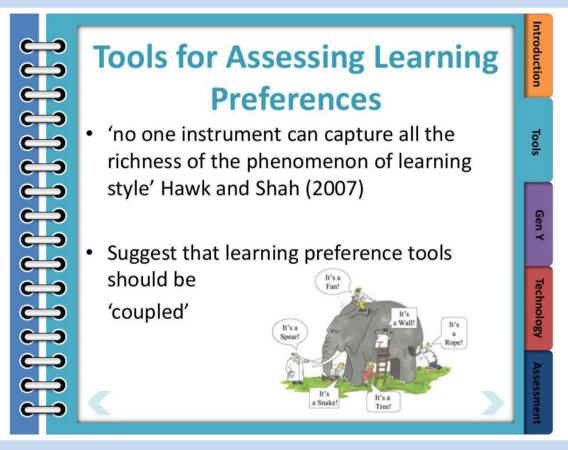
Who are these students that we teach?



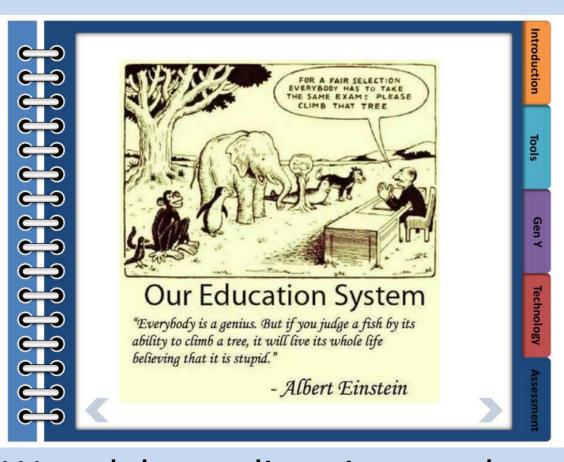
They crave technology, but can we give them too much?



What do you see? A blank slide or an opportunity to listen?



Is there more than one way to categorise their preferences?



We celebrate diversity, so why assess all the same?

...Answers...

- Important to recognise the different learning preferences that exist among students
- This project investigated the nature of learning preferences and how they may be introduced into the classroom.
- VARK model (Fleming, 1992), which categorises a student based on them being a visual, auditory, reading/writing or kinaesthetic type of learner.
- The majority of students are multi-modal learners.
- Although there are many different models used in the literature to describe learning preferences, a common theme amongst them is the direct link with the human senses.
- Emergence of technology within the classroom ('Generation Y').
- Adapting teaching practices must also involve changes to assessment strategies.

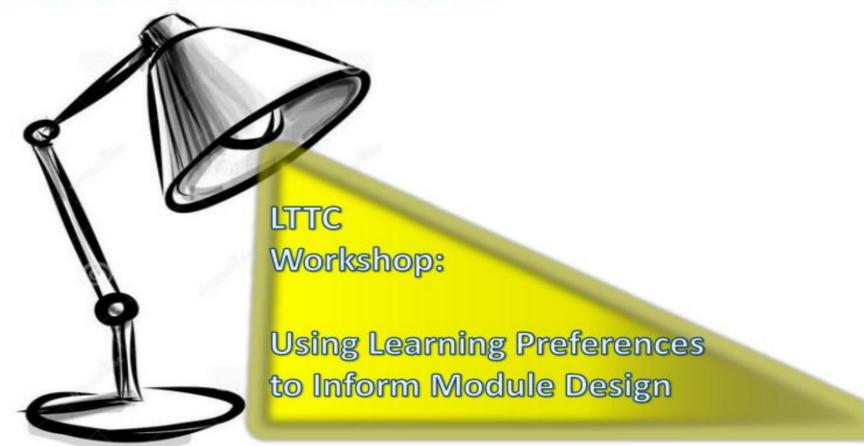
...and Solutions



Scan Me



Does your module suffer from sensory deprivation? Illuminate your classroom



..... evoke the senses and get a real feel for learning

Course Details:

Time: 9am – 12pm Date: 3rd Sept 2015 Venue: LTTC, Aungier St.

Course Highlights:

Learning Preferences
Assessing Learning Styles
Blended Learning
Technology in the Classroon
Teaching Generation Y
Assessment Strategies

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