

Conclusion

This is the end of a process, momentary in nature, akin to a round in the ring. No knock-out punch has been delivered, not even a technical KO but some degree of success has been achieved. After a particularly rough round, the boxers stagger off to their corners, attend to their wounds and wait for the bell announcing the next round.

Just like a story without an ending, the online course design process is endless. We must continue on, we must make progress, we must innovate and we must talk about it! What is especially needed is our documenting what we do as IDs and how we do it. This is the kind of research that allows any field to move forward, to avoid dead-ends and to pave new promising avenues. Research is no longer the yoke of the accredited researcher but the work of many contributing workers, those who do the work and who know the trials involved; those who live them first-hand. Everything may be of value; the smallest bit of information may turn out to be what unravels the secret to successful online teaching and learning. Throughout this exploration of the online universe, our sole compass is our solidarity. Collaboration takes on an added urgency in this vast space which is virtually unlimited.

Hoping to hear from you...

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