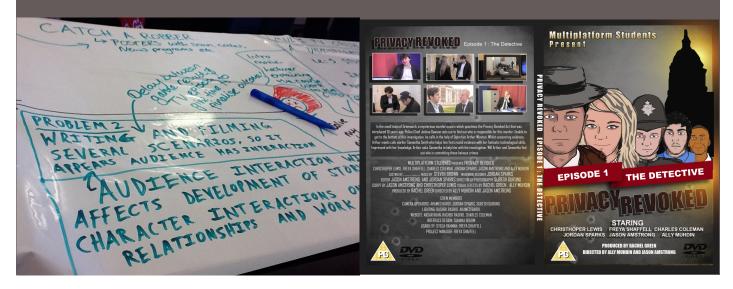
# ENCOURAGING STUDENT AUTONOMY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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#### **ABSTRACT**

- The intention of this session is to present the use of a coconstructed curriculum that enables students to take on a management role and eventually schedule and run their own course structure, agree their own deliverables, deadlines and grading structure.
- This will be followed with a discussion with students. Questions are encouraged on the enhancement of confidence, employability and management skills.
- The course in question is project based and practice-led with progress, deadlines aside, at the student's pace.
- The ideal is to engender a state of flow (Csikszentmihalyi (1996).
- Although this is a creative production course this method can be applied to any project/student centred learning course



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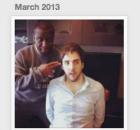
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# THE COURSE

Multiplatform TV Level 6 30 Credits 15 students



## THE PROJECT

Create a multiplatform TV series using platforms of choice including web, "TV" and mobile with user interaction. Create own story based around the idea of "Making the invisible visible"



#### **METHOD**



- Term 1 Schedule
  - 1 hour taught studio / lab sessions to gain practical skills
  - 2 hours in classroom, teaching required theory and methods
  - Including
    - reading/discussion tasks in first 7 weeks
    - development exercises in remaining 7 weeks
  - Concluding with a plan for term 2
    - Story idea, allocated roles
    - Preparation for project plan and individual learning agreement
  - Coursework a report on an aspect of Multiplatform TV requiring personal research



Episode 6 The Revelation – http://www.youtube.com /watch?v=pLyLp8BP2hQ



Privacy Revoked (2013 TV Series) Episode 6 - The revelation (Director cuts)

A shaken up Samantha wonders whether to continue her journey with Detective Arthur after a threatening

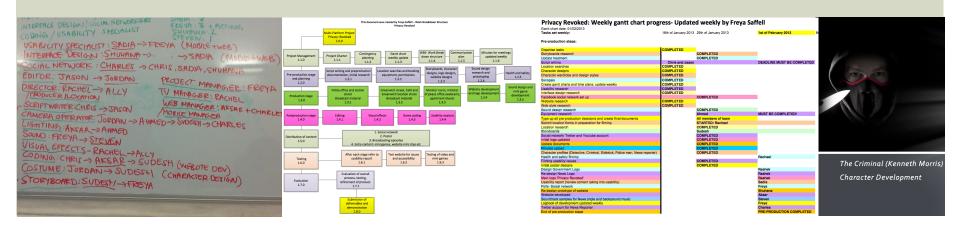
- Term 2
  - Schedule provided by Project Manager following group discussion
  - Hand in of Individual Learning Agreements

THE TAKE-OVER

- Identifying:
  - Main areas of learning
  - Roles to be taken
  - Deliverables
  - Mapping of roles and deliverables to course learning outcomes
  - Allocation of division of grade across deliverables
- Feedback and agreement, also allowed ongoing updates
- 2 hour presentations/meeting sharing progress and discussing work ahead
- Term 3 deadline, end of campaign

#### CONTEXT

- Students will all have a level of practical skills from years 1 and 2 in a variety of media
- They will all have taken a core production course where they were given specific job roles and taken through the processes of managing and conducting a digital media production to an end product
- They will, therefore have developed the background skills to understand what is required of them when they take over



#### MY ROLE



- Provide initial skills and methods in traditional manner
- Provide exercises to practice the development of transmedia
- Gauge when to interrupt when teaching not being followed
  - Waiting for the willingness to learn
- Gauge when to stay on a particular area and when to move on
  - When has learning actually taken place
- Sit on urge to correct and urge to have an action packed schedule!
- Gently push the students to take over the 'teaching spaces' the AV console and whiteboard
- Gradually fade to the back corner of the room offering occasional advice and encouragement

#### THE IDEAL: FLOW

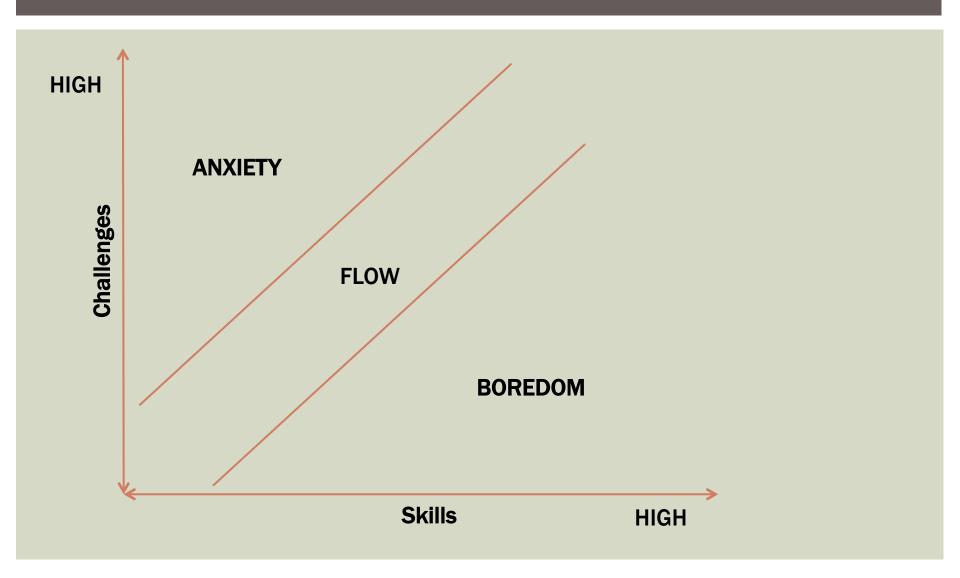


- Attention is focused on a limited stimulus field. There is full concentration, complete involvement.
- Action and awareness merge.
- There is freedom from worry about failure.
- Self-consciousness disappears.
- The sense of time becomes distorted.
- The experience become its own reward auto-telic.

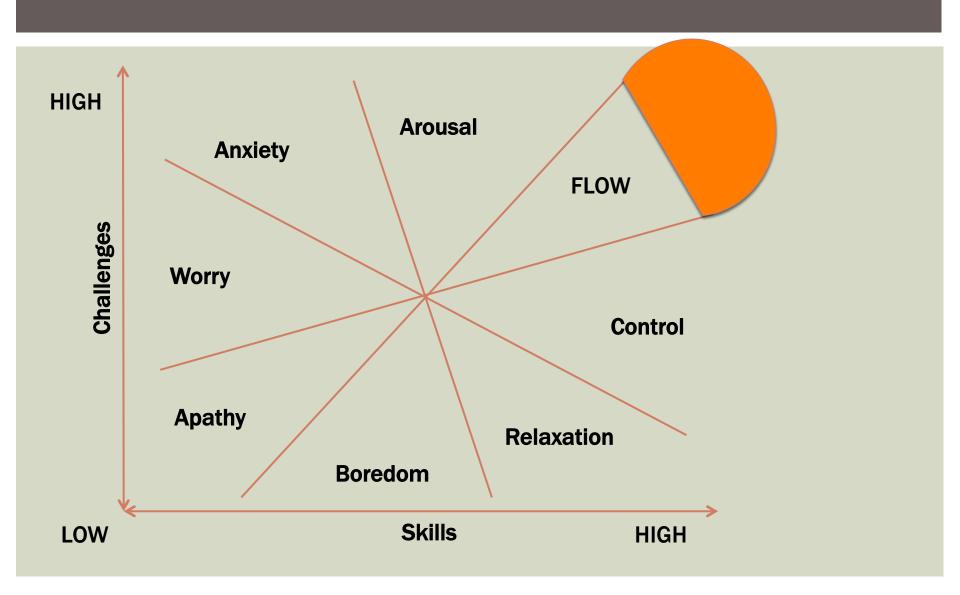
#### ...WHAT CONDITIONS FOSTER FLOW?

- 1. There are clear goals every step of the way.
- 2. There is immediate feedback to one's action.
- 3. There is a balance between challenges and skills.

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#### **RESULTS ANALYSIS**

- Overall Mean Grade 69%
- 50% of students with a complete profile gained a first class grade
- Grade for group product 90%
- 100% course satisfaction



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