



ELTEP Case Study 1: Use of information sheet 1 on BBC Video Nation Materials

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In order to meet the GSCC's ECDL requirements, Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College (BCUC) has elected to assess the 'equivalence' of the IT qualification via a portfolio route. This requires students to complete 32 different e-activities over the course of their three year degree to demonstrate their IT skills. All of the activities have been specifically designed to also stimulate the students' learning and understanding of social work related issues.

One of the requirements of the ECDL is that individuals are able to download media clips and images from on-line sources. Given that the focus of the new social work degree is on hearing the voice of the service user, the BBC Video Nation clips lent themselves perfectly for this particular ECDL requirement. In order to encourage students to access the web-material, two clips were selected – 'Power-full Voice' and 'Cat'. These particular clips were selected as they featured individuals whose voices are often not heard on social work programmes. In addition students were also required to view a third clip of their choice, in the hope that they might actually watch more! Specific details of the activity are below.

This was an e-activity that was compulsory, but all of the students appeared to really enjoy it and I received many full descriptions of other video clips and students commented on how moving they found many of the stories. Therefore, a dual educative outcome was achieved in that students increased their awareness of disability issues through the voices of service users, and also increased their IT literacy at the same time. This activity could easily be embedded in a university virtual learning environment as part of additional learning for a module.

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Learning Activity: Downloading Media Clips

1. Log onto <http://bbc.co.uk>.
2. Navigate to the Society & Culture pages, and from there click on the 'Disability on Video Nation' link. You should now find a selection of approximately 46 (at the time of writing) different video clips relating to various aspects of disability.
3. If you do not already have Realplayer on your computer you will now need to download this from the BBC website. This is free of charge to install and will take about 5 minutes to download. Fully, easy to follow instructions are provided.
4. Open the video clip made by Jemima Hughes titled 'Power-full Voice'. Watch the video clip and answer the following questions:
 - a. What does she use her Dynavox computer for?
 - b. What makes her feel fed up?

5. Now open the video clip made by Bert Culling titled 'Cat'. Watch the video clip and answer the following questions:

- a. What is the real name of Bert's cat?
- b. What does he have to call him now?
- c. What does his friend Sheila call him?

6. Open up another video clip of your choice and watch it. Send a hotlink of the clip and a summary of its content to your tutor using the 'Send to a Friend' option at the bottom of the screen. Ask your Tutor to reply to the email to confirm that your summary is correct.

7. Print out a copy of the email.

Evidence:

Printouts of the email from your Tutor, a copy of the Disability Nation Homepage, and answers to the above question – these can be hand-written on the email, or separately word-processed.



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