

## Thoughts to Sheelagh and Simon on last Gallego course

1. Despite the fact that the [redacted] brief was that we should teach them methodology as well as language, it would have been better to divide them into two groups:

Group A : half and half

Group B: language + culture of UK only

We know from bitter experience that , while humanistic methodology is magic for those who want it, it is YUK for those who reject it, either because they have had too much mediocre stuff, or because they have no wish to change an iota of their sleep-thru professional day, or because they genuinely fail to realise that there is a HOW to teaching ( my own case in the mid 60's)

When M [redacted] has not heeded the division between language focus and HOW focus, he has come a radical cropper.

2. The comment from some of them that the evening programme was "more of the same" bears constructive thinking about. I agree with you, Siomon, that this lot would have quite liked something University-ish..... or would they... especially .... when tired.....?
3. Sheelagh, feeling you were brave to be running the course at all, I went along with the equal division of the morning work.

The positive result of this was that we shared the joys of Room 12 and the asperities of Room 2.

BUT: ( a) the dilution of leadership forestalled the storming that Room 2 really needed before they could get down to anything. Instead of the pustule of their discontent ( some of them) bursting and voiding, it coursed around inside the group over 4 weeks, infecting folk like R [redacted] etc...

(b) I was horrified to realise that the divided focus really did reduce my motivation and work to around 70% of potential, while on summer courses, seeing people 4 1/2 hours per day I achieve nearer 95%.

I one-to-one weakly

I did not pursue non-letter writers with personal letters.

I did not lend books as I would normally do.

I did not feel I needed supervision ( in fact, I probably needed it more than normally.)

I have had very few coming-out of the group pains – autumnal regret from Room 112, but nothing more.

There has been little intensity of satisfaction.

4. To realise all the above is very useful, and the sacrifice over a month has been worth it. It is always useful to break rules, especially the big ones.

4. It is clear that some systems things need putting right:

Table chairs are needed

The Pilgrims TT library, or part of it should be in Orange Street, not locked up in storage.

It is bananas for the Common Room to be used 8.30-9.00 for warm-ups with 8 execs, while thirty people can't get coffee. (the execs could cavort in any of the larger rooms.)

A bit more needs doing to turn Orange Street into a TRAINING CENTRE.....

**Marjo.**

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