

Spaces between people: A place for learning

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Many university students can operate comfortably in the space of digital networks but they need help in learning how to make them places for learning. A design research study developed and refined an interactive website based on Lipman's (2003) community of inquiry theory to support this learning. It was found that the caring dimension was fundamental to the flourishing of the critical and creative dialogue necessary for the development of higher order thinking.