

Personal Reflection – September 10, 2022

YOU are the Content

I sometimes get what I call a *nudge* – and this is what I learned yesterday: Whenever you are teaching, YOU become some of the content. Learners learn YOU long before they struggle with the new concepts or skills of the day.

Watch them watching you, listening to you, laughing with you. YOU are the content of a course, a seminar, a workshop.

When you listen to learners prior to a session in order to do a learning needs and resources assessment, on Zoom or in-person, they are learning YOU. When you set learning tasks clearly, precisely, lightly – they are learning YOU. When you are leading a group dialogue with attention and affirmation, they are learning YOU.

I never thought of this before; now it is obvious and a bit awesome!

Teaching is a formidable responsibility.

And great fun in dialogue.

--Jane Vella