

mscapeFest09 Open Space Session

Mediascapes and education - what are the different types of use?

We summarised the range of education use of mediascapes across 4 types of use (with many in between and mixes)

Open assignment

give the students the toolkit with minimum teaching and let them experiment
students learn about the toolkit and how to use it

Template

basic structure like a quiz or a tour is built by experts
students build the basic structure to completion by adding content and choosing context
learning is derived by the building of content and the selection of context

Localised template

basic structure like a field trip is built and contextualised to a particular location for students
students complete the mediascape by selecting, making content to fit the given context and structure

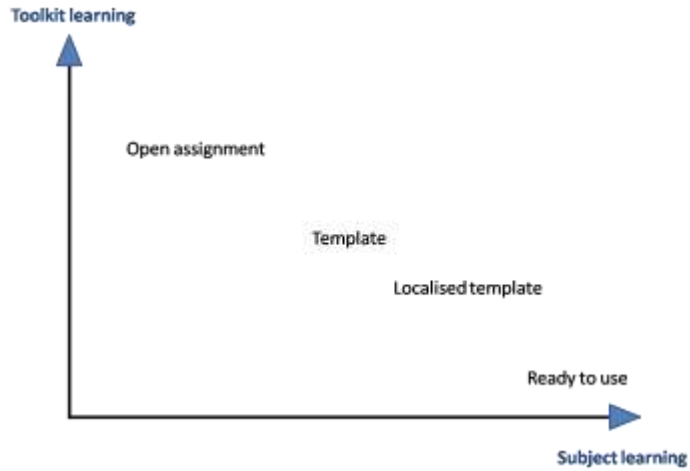
Ready to use

structure content and context are all built by experts
students are the end users of the experience
learning is derived and evidenced through actions built into the experience

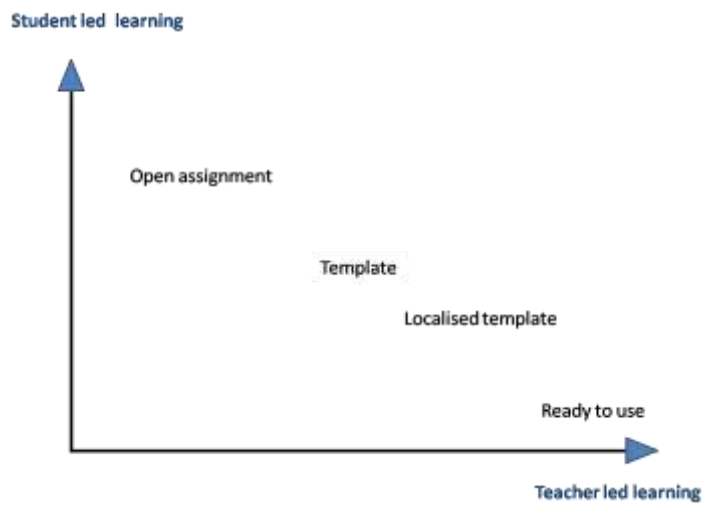
Choosing between these approaches affects the learning experience derived.

We noted the difference in 2 ways

First in the amount of time spent in learning about the toolkit itself, summarised in the graph below



Second in the amount of student versus teacher led learning, below



No great conclusion about what is the most successful approach but a common language for talking about types of project was established and this will aid further discussion about the use of mediascapes in education.