

# **Using Learn Wikis for discussion and development of multifaceted topics by a large enrolment class**

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# The project

## Goals

- investigate and document barriers to student engagement in Wiki discussion
- develop and implement strategies to overcome these barriers

## Method

- Post-class interviews with a sample of students

# Findings

- Obstacles to participation  
(1) lack of motivation; (2) lack of careful guidelines and instructions; (3) failure to coordinate within the group; (4) language problem of non-native students; and (5) technical problems.
- Other observations  
(1) Strong herd behaviour (2) A variety of interventions by lecturer to help participation

# Illustration

- <http://learn.lboro.ac.uk/mod/ouwiki/view.php?id=274718>