Appendix C

Action Research Planner for Collaborative Online Learning Environments 2003

I experience a concern when some of my educational values are denied in practice.

During the Network Information Management module (2001) I provided opportunities, through use of online learning environment, for participants to document their learning. Each participant had engaged in dialogue with me. I would like to develop the use of online learning environment further by exploring how we could make use of it in a more collaborative way.

I imagine a solution

I want to continue to use the online learning environment during the Collaborative Online Learning Environments (2003) module. However, I will encourage participants to document and share their learning in a more collaborative fashion. I will continue to engage participants in their learning through using a 'living educational theory' approach.

I act in the direction of the solution

Participants will document their own learning through use of an online learning environment. Introduce them to 'living educational theory' questions – what is my concern, why am I concerned, what am I going to do about it etc. I encourage

participants to share their own experiences and learning with each other and to recognise that we all have experiences and expertise to share with each other.

I evaluate the outcomes of my actions.

The online learning dialogues that took place during the Collaborative Online

Learning module is evidence of a more proactive and collaborative approach by

participants.

I modify my problems, ideas and actions in the light of my evaluations.

I will continue to engage participants in documenting and sharing their learning through the use of an online learning environment.