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**Name of digital circle:**

**Date of evaluation:**

**Section A: Personal Details**

Please tick any of the below categories if you feel you belong to any. (If not, skip to the next question).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Placement Student | Commuter student | Mature student | Distance student |
|  |  |  |  |

Please select which platform the digital circle is hosted on (please select all that apply)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | WhatsApp |
|  | Instagram |
|  | Telegram |
|  | Twitter |
|  | Microsoft Teams |
|  | Facebook |
|  | Other |

If other, please indicate below:

**Section B: Accessibility**

Does the circle have a moderator/owner or such like?

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| Yes | No | I don’t know | N/A |
|  |  |  |  |

If yes, do you know who they are?

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| Yes | No | I don’t know |
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Do you consider yourself as a person with a disability according to the [Equality Act](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance) of 2010?

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No | I don’t know |
|  |  |  |

How would you describe the digital circle’s functionality in terms of **ease of use**?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Extremely Easy | Relatively easy | Moderately Easy | Relatively difficult | Extremely difficult |
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Do you find the various attributes of the digital platform you use to be compatible with your user needs? (i.e., flexibility, useability, interactivity).

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No | I don’t know |
|  |  |  |

Please explain your above answer, providing examples:



**Section C: Wellbeing and Inclusivity**

Please select the option which best reflects the level of impact of the digital circle on your wellbeing and perceived level of inclusivity.

**(Key: 1- Strongly Agree; 2- Agree; 3- Neutral; 4- Disagree; 5- Strongly Disagree)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Questions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I can easily connect with my fellow students on the platform |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel a general sense of belonging in the circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can share my opinion freely (i.e., without any fear) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel I can be my ‘whole self’ (if I wish) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I consider the digital circle to be generally positive and supportive |  |  |  |  |  |
| I consider the digital circle to be inclusive |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am an active participant in the circle |  |  |  |  |  |

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**Section D: General Benefits**

Have you experienced any of the below benefits since joining the digital circle?

**(Key: 1- Strongly Agree; 2- Agree; 3- Neutral; 4- Disagree; 5- Strongly Disagree)**

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| Questions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I have experienced peer support |  |  |  |  |  |
| The circle is always convenient and accessible |  |  |  |  |  |
| It has improved my confidence for face-face interactions |  |  |  |  |  |
| It acts as a lifeline to my peers if I feel excluded |  |  |  |  |  |
| I receive fast responses to my questions or comments |  |  |  |  |  |
| The information shared is helpful |  |  |  |  |  |

Please provide examples of any other benefits you have gained from the digital circle:

**Section D: Risks and Behaviours**

Does the digital circle have a set of guidelines in place which direct the behaviour/practices of the members?

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No | I don’t know |
|  |  |  |

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Were you aware of any potential risks or challenges that may arise when joining the digital circle?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No | I don’t know |
|  |  |  |

Please select the options which best reflect how you feel about the digital circle in terms of risk.

**(Key: 1- Strongly Agree; 2- Agree; 3- Neutral; 4- Disagree; 5- Strongly Disagree)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Questions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I have great concerns about my data privacy |  |  |  |  |  |
| The volume of notifications I receive from the digital platform(s) is overwhelming |  |  |  |  |  |
| The content/information shared is oftentimes inappropriate or misaligns with the purpose of the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have been a victim of inappropriate behaviour or harassment from fellow member(s) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Misinformation or rumour spreading occurs regularly within the circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find the digital circle to be addictive |  |  |  |  |  |

Kindly provide any general feedback, comments, or suggestion(s) for the digital circle in the text box below.

**Please fill in Section E if the digital circle is course or programmed related.**

**Please fill in Section G if the digital circle is specialist interest group related (societies).**

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**Section E: Academic Support**

To what extent do you agree with the below statements.

**(Key: 1- Strongly Agree; 2- Agree; 3- Neutral; 4- Disagree; 5- Strongly Disagree)**

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| Questions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I feel the digital circle has had a positive impact on my academic performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can get timely communication relating to my course/programme through the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can get accurate information relating to my course/programme through the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel **more** connected to those on my course/programme (students and staff) because of the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have gained new knowledge/insight relating to my course/programme through the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel the digital circle has encouraged me to continue studying on my course/programme |  |  |  |  |  |

Please expand on your above answers, providing examples:

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**Section G: Special interest groups**

To what extent do you agree with the below statements.

**(Key: 1- Strongly Agree; 2- Agree; 3- Neutral; 4- Disagree; 5- Strongly Disagree)**

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| Questions | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I feel the digital circle has had a positive impact on my experience of the society/group |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can get timely communication relating to the society/group through the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can get accurate information relating to the society/group through the digital circle (such as event information) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel **more** connected to those in the society/group because of the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel the digital circle has helped me form in-person relationships with those from the society/group when I see them in person |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have felt motivated to go to society/group events because of the digital circle |  |  |  |  |  |

Please explain your above answer, providing examples: