

Workshop: Virtual Voyages Sharing International Students' Online Travel Experiences.

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The workshop will explore the findings of a study that investigated Gen Y's use of the internet. Data from the study revealed the sites visited by the cyber travellers, their modes of communication, the time they spent travelling and the travellers' engagement with others.

The participant sample, a group of newly arrived ELICOS students, engaged in a mixed-method study in which students completed a questionnaire, focus group activities and individual interviews. Written, audio and video data were collected by both the researcher and participants. The findings of the study indicated that, by mid-first term 2010, few of the students had interacted face to face with members of the wider South Australian community. The students' online engagement with individuals and groups on the other hand was far greater.

This ISANA conference workshop will facilitate a variety of learning styles. Participants will have an opportunity to examine current data about the cyber travel of international Chinese students and compare this data to that of local Australian Gen Y students. The workshop intends to familiarise participants with the online sites visited by the two identified student groups and to help individuals gather useful health and safety tips for cyber travel. The workshop will enable participants to hear and view students' digital stories as well as engage in group activities and discussion. The workshop information and activities are designed to promote self-reflection and provide participants with time to think about and discuss ways in which they can incorporate understanding of adolescent online behaviour with the services they offer international students.

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Different learning styles.