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FAILURES, FIASCOS AND F**K UPS: IMPROVING OUR
PRACTICE BY REFLECTING ON OUR MISTAKES

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Mistakes were made...

Contemporary approaches to learning and teaching emphasise the role of identifying and sharing good practice as part of a culture of continuous improvement. However, in many cases, examples of good practice can have their origins in errors, mistakes and failed experiments. As reflective practitioners of teaching, we argue that there is value in sharing experiences of instances where things didn't work as planned and in reflecting on how we negotiate the fallout from such situations in regard to the development of our teaching practice. As such, this informal workshop will provide an opportunity for colleagues to reflect on teaching-related 'fails' and how they impact on our teaching practice. The session will also offer scope for consideration of the personal impact on colleagues of such issues and how these effects can be mitigated for the benefit of all involved. To participate in this session, please come armed with your teaching-related 'fails' and be prepared to share your experiences. We welcome 'fails' of all kinds – interpersonal or communication failures, technology failures, organisational failures and/or any other kinds of missteps that may have impacted on students' learning or your teaching. Please be prepared to share in a supportive, fun and non-judgmental way. Whilst the session will not be recorded in order to facilitate an environment in which participants feel comfortable sharing their experiences, we hope through discussions to begin to develop the start of a resource for staff on managing such situations that we will make available after the session.