Start an information RIOT!

Student led collaborative knowledge construction in a connected world
What is the case you are making?
Social construction of knowledge

‘Our understanding of content is socially constructed through conversations about that content and through grounded interactions, especially with others, around problems or actions’ (Brown and Adler 2008)
Can the modern University facilitate the social construction of learning?

Is there a need for a new pedagogy?
Punk is hot
Dead!
Pedagogy and technology moving at different rates
Learners accessing different information skills sets

Which comes first? The chicken or the egg?
is HE having a ‘punk’ moment?
don't know what I want but I know how to get it.
'Punk erupted into my life in the autumn of 1977...

Swathes of my existing record collection had to be disavowed, [but]... it was OK to have three Van Der Graaf Generator albums because Johnny Rotten said he liked their singer'

Alan Medhurst 1999
"Sideburns" January 77

IN THE STRANGLERS GRIP

THE STRANGLERS

URGENT

TYPOST REQUIRED

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PLAY'IN IN THE BAND... FIRST AND LAST IN A SERIES........

A

This is a chord

E

This is another

G

This is a third

Now form a band
‘...in order to render a subculture non-threatening, it must be pulled into the mainstream and commodified’
Dick Hebidge
‘Within six months the movement had been bought out. The capitalist counter-revolutionaries had killed with cash. Punk degenerated from being a force for change, to becoming just another element in the grand media circus. Sold out, sanitised and strangled, punk had become just another social commodity, a burnt-out memory of how it might have been’

Penny Rimbaud of Crass
WHERE ARE ALL THE RIOT GRRRLS?
Dear Diary,

Things to do today:

1. get typewriter
2. find some recycled paper
3. look for my favourite pen
4. start an information riot

Excuse Me

Hi, I just wanted to let you know that I am not going to

★ smile
★ act dumb
★ hide my body
★ pretend
★ lie
★ be silent

for you. And that everything I do I do for me and I'm not going to let you laugh at me, make fun of me, harass me, abuse me or rape me anymore. Because I am a girl and me and my girlfriends are not afraid of you!
“When she talks I hear the revolution. In her hips there's revolution. Where she walks the revolution's coming. In her kiss I taste the revolution” – ‘Rebel Girl’ Bikini Kill
Here is a platform...
Here is a VLE...
Here is a device...
Now, go make learning happen!
The emergence of student-led collaboration, knowledge construction and social interaction
a punk moment?
...it's better to burn out than to fade away

Neil Young
JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

?  JUMP AGAIN  YES
What are the consequences of democratising the construction of knowledge for the practice of teaching? Where does the use of social media leave the VLE? Are universities engaging with learners in the language and modes they use themselves? Is a web 2.0 learning environment a privilege itself? Does it continue to create a cavernous space in the digital divide?
the end

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“Ever get the feeling you've been cheated? Goodnight.”

John Lydon