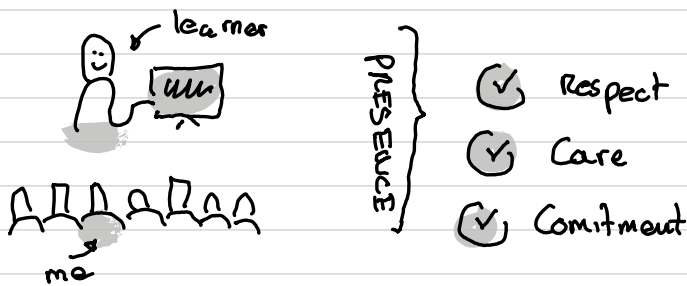


Why presence is an important gift from a Service Design educator?



Content

Within my work for the Master Service Design at the HSB I coach and interact with many students. But I'm only the supervisor of 4-5 people. When comes the time for final presentations I should be there only for the presentations of the people I supervise. But I always come for all learners, even if this means being there for three full days with most of it unpaid.

Why presence

Time and my full attention are my most precious resources. So offering them signals in my culture:

- respect
- care
- commitment

I feel presence is especially a great tool in education because not every learner has a strong fit with their educators. I had teachers I didn't like, and I know that it's the same for some of my learners. Yet, even if we saw each other once, disagreed, etc. I'll still show respect, care and commitment by being present even if I don't have to.