# *Problem Solving, Innovation and Communications*

**Assignment #2**

# Due Date: *25th November 2015*

This assignment is mainly a group assignment (with a little individual piece) and counts for 30% of your overall mark. I would like you to do the following please, divide into two groups - boys and girls - and I would like you to do the following:

I am proposing that in recognition of the recession that we cancel Christmas this year and just don't have it. So I would like you to consider any FOUR of the techniques we have covered so far in the classes (PMI, OPV, CAF, C&S, APC, FIP, AGO, MindMaps, PESTLE, SMART, Random Word, Six Thinking Hats), to determine your views and conclusions as a group on the idea of cancelling Christmas.

So here's how I'd like you to do it:

* For 20 minutes the girls as a group to go to the canteen/snackery, and the boys to stay in the classroom and do two techniques
* Then you swap around, and for 20 minutes the boys have to go to the canteen/snackery, and the girls have to come back to the classroom and do the other two techniques
* Finally spend 10 minutes creating a PowerPoint presentation answering the following questions, with one or more slides per question:
	+ Who is in your group?
	+ What was the topic you were discussing?
	+ How was it in the canteen?
	+ How was it in the classroom?
	+ What creativity techniques did you choose?
	+ For each technique how did you decide to use that one?
	+ Which technique(s) proved most effective?
	+ Which technique(s) proved least effective?
	+ What ideas reasons/alternatives/etc. did you come up with?
	+ What decision did you come to about the topic?

You can see examples from last year in Week 10 on the following page:

http://www.comp.dit.ie/dgordon/Courses/PSIC/index2010.html

Can you also individually write 300-400 words about the process:

* How many people were in your group?
* What was the experience like of working in the group?
* Was everyone given a chance to speak?
* How did you find the techniques worked in a group situation?
* Any other comments.

Do that today and electronically submit your assignment, e-mail it to Damian.Gordon@dit.ie with the subject heading: "PSIC Assignment 2". NOTE: To be marked for Assignment 2 you must have completed Assignment 1.