



The Big Question:

“How is a massively connected world different to the one we have now and different to the one Dr King was in 50 years ago?”

Part of Freedom City 2017 - a celebration across Newcastle marking the 50th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. receiving an honorary degree at Newcastle University

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Our first SOLE event - Christos Sotiropoulos

- After going through the material and philosophy on the school in the cloud site I decided to have our first try in creating our first SOLE.
- I chose one of my advanced classes for the event.
- We watched Sugata Mitra's question analyzed it and then I my students access to the iwb computer and asked them what they wanted to do
- I gave them 60 minutes to work on it and produce a piece of written work since none of them were comfortable recording themselves on video

Taking matters in their own hands

- Found out and watched a video presentation on Martin Luther King by Voice of America. <https://goo.gl/rYZObX> (in Greek, I wonder why....)
- Read quotes by Martin Luther King after a google search and chose the ones they liked best
- Googled “life 50 years ago compared to now” and read a few articles in English
- Made a draft of what they wanted to write. Decided to go with a small essay (180 words)

The Answer

People nowadays are more educated about their civil rights and duties than they were 50 years ago. The development of social networks brought people from all over the world closer to each other. Also women's rights and independence is certainly far better now than it was 50 years ago so we can see people are way different although they were a connected community in the past too.

Nowadays social networks connect people around the world, now we can communicate through telephone, computers and television. Like Uberto Eco wrote, today a country belongs to the person who controls communication when 50 years ago the one that controlled the army and the police had the real power.

So, would the world be better for African-Americans if we had social media at the time of Martin Luther King. Maybe, yes but we strongly believe that these would have been controlled by white people and access would have been denied to anyone else so we agree that Martin Luther King and his movement had created the social media of his time to promote equality for all people.

Our favourite quotes by Martin Luther King

“Education without morals is like a ship without a compass, merely wandering nowhere.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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IN THE END
WE WILL REMEMBER
NOT THE WORDS OF OUR ENEMIES
BUT THE **SILENCE** OF OUR FRIENDS

Martin Luther King Jr.

” THE TIME IS
ALWAYS
RIGHT TO DO
WHAT IS
RIGHT.

— MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR.

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“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
— Martin L. King, Jr.

#BlackVoices

“ If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to keep moving forward.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

“I LOOK TO A DAY WHEN PEOPLE WILL NOT BE
JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN, BUT BY
THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER.”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Working on the project

