**Three Questions**

sparqs has developed a short three-question questionnaire that could replace longer and more unwieldy surveys.

1. **What did you like about this?**
2. **How would you improve it?**
3. **What have you learned from it?**

Some notes to consider:

1. The three questions can most easily work at a module level, but could also be used to survey opinions about an event, a process or indeed an entire experience.
2. The open-ended questions allow respondents to write as much as they like, and not necessarily feel constrained by how much the creators of the survey appear to think they should write.
3. Because of the lack of numerical data, there will be an increased resource required for the analysis of the results. However, this could be an opportunity for more student involvement in that stage.
4. “What did you like about this?” gives free rein to the respondent to write about whatever aspect of the subject that is important to them. They will not feel shepherded into providing answers where they have no views or are unable to comment.
5. Note that the second question is not “*What did you not like?*” or “*What would you improve*?”. By asking “*how*” it emphasises the constructive approach that all students should be taking as co-creators of their learning experience: it is as much their responsibility to come up with ideas as it is to identify problems.
6. The third question allows you not only to measure the results against intended outcomes (such as learning objectives), but will also demonstrate wider learning or development – for instance skills such as essay writing or group work.