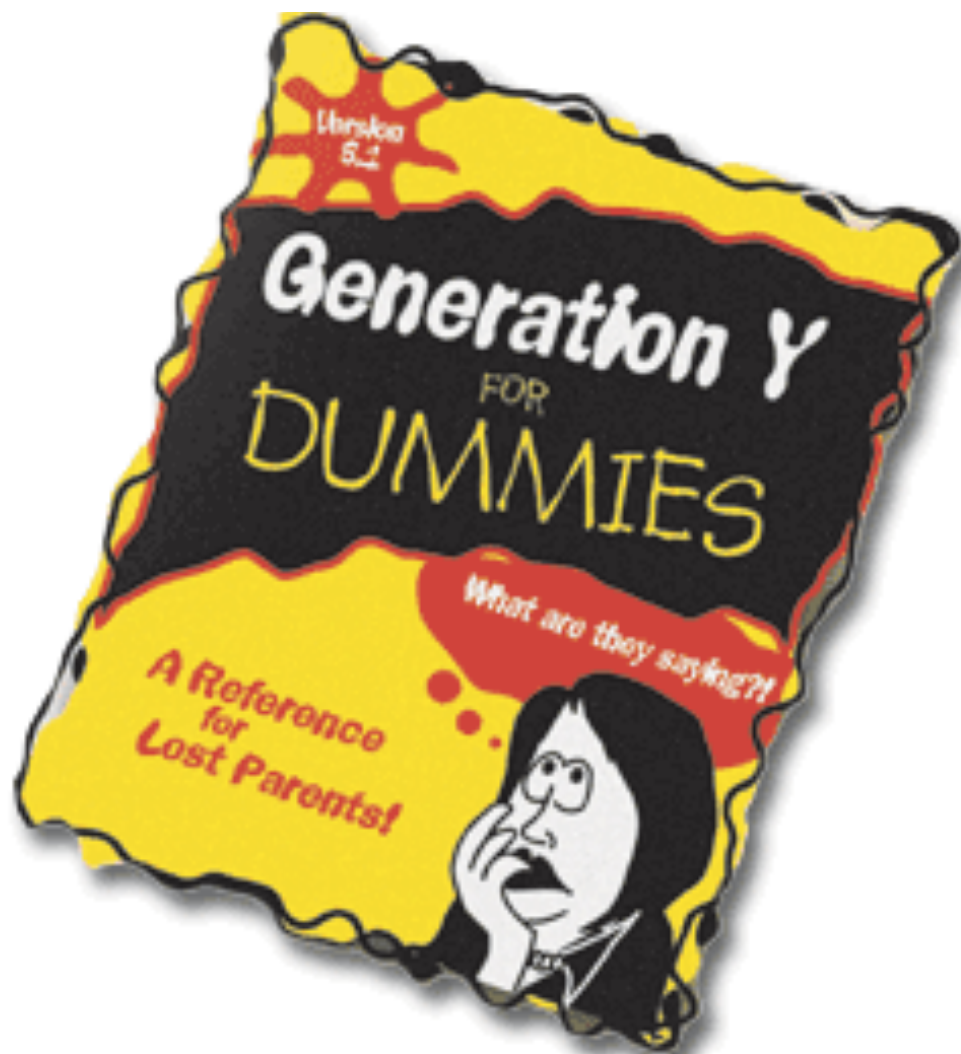


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Generation Y

- can we agree on who they are?
- *educate* them or *service* them?
- consequences for our work as IRCs?
- consequences for our institutions?

Summary of Tuesday's presentation

(focusing on educational aspects)

- freedom and flexibility as ideals, choices can be temporary, changing your plans means you are adapting to a new situation
- importance of “connectedness”, social media
- choices are made based on emotion rather than rationality
- need to be passionate about what you do
- education must open possibilities, not limit them
- information in real time when you need it
- insecurity about practical tasks
- expectation of “edutainment”, personalized education

Questions for plenary

- Is this a true description of the students we are dealing with?
- Are there national differences?
- Is this mentality something we should cater to?
 - is it in the students' "objective interest" or should it be challenged to a certain degree?
 - is it possible, given the limited resources we have?

Questions for group work

1. In what way do we experience these changes in our work as IRC's?
2. How can we make sure we reach our students with relevant information about the application process?
3. What is necessary in order to give the individual student a valuable international experience? (outgoing and incoming students)
4. What types of knowledge and resources do we need in our work?
5. Is there anything the IRC forum can do to facilitate better communication and good practice on the network level?