You are required to apply theoretical concepts of teams taken from the course to either a case study or current news story or work based experience. You will select the chosen case study. You must use ONE theory/topic from the list below and demonstrate that you can apply what you have learnt to ‘real life’. For example, you may follow a story about an aspect of teams in the newspapers, you may find an interesting case study in a text book or you may want to use your own current or past work experience. All of these approaches are valid as long as it interests you and relates back to a lecture or tutorial.

You are required to address your chosen case study by using material and resources beyond the textbook. Please read widely and review the relevant academic literature on the issues you identify in your case study. Do not duplicate lecture slides and set texts. Your analysis should identify symptoms and underlying causes of problems and/or successes in teams

**Select ONE theory from the list below.**

1. Group formation and development

2. Group structures, roles and status

3. Group influences on behavior (i.s risky shift, polarization etc)

4. Relations within groups, conflict

5. Groupthink

6. Sociometry and social networks

7. Organisational change and development

8. Communication in organisations

9. Politics and power

10. Virtual teams

The presentation needs to:

* Consist of 9-12 slides plus an additional slide for references
* Each slide should be accompanied by an explanatory paragraph written as though you were addressing an audience. This can be presented on a separate handout.
* Outline the issues you identified
* Use theory covered in the course to analyse and evaluate the case study
* Justify analysis by reference to the case study and relevant theory
* Your tutor will give you feedback on your presentation. This will help you to develop and refine your essay.

## Instructions for presentation

1. This assignment due date is **10 March 2014**
2. 9-12 slides
3. Write in a style appropriate for addressing an audience
4. Utilise at least **8** academic-style resources (e.g. textbooks, books and journals) to support your points and try to ensure that you use no or only a small number of internet sources.
5. **Do not** copy any materials you use word for word unless you identify these sections clearly as quotations and provide accurate in text referencing and acknowledgement in the reference list.
6. If you paraphrase (i.e. rewrite any materials in your own words) you must identify the materials’ sources through in-text referencing and acknowledgement in the reference list.
7. **Do not** work closely with anyone else.
8. Upload on to e-learning after passing it through turnitin.com.