## Epiphanies breathe life into coaching





An illuminating discovery which changes the next part of the story

## What would I like coaches to take from the next 30 mins?

Be ready and willing to follow a coaching path, different to the one you are content with right now.



## My Epiphany Sources

- 1. GAA People
- 2. Other People
- 3. Situations
- 4. Technology
- 5. Perceived Gaps



## 1. GAA People

**School** Brian McIver Brendan Convery Sean O'Kane

#### Club

Aidan O'Brien Ronan McCusker Martin Duffin Joe McQuillan



**School** Kevin Coary Sean Doyle Paddy Flynn

**Tutoring & Writing** Terence McWilliams John Morrison

What I learned Connect with as many GAA people as you can. You'll always pick up ideas. Often those who do not agree with you, will end up teaching you more.

## 2. Other People







## Eric Mazur:

## **Confidence Scores**

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### **Opportunities for Peer Coaching**



#### Trusting players to coach each other

#### **Peer Observation & Coaching**



#### Player(s) stepping out to look for specifics

What I learned Be brave enough to experiment; don't settle for comfortable....no matter if others do

## 3. Situations

### Master the art of observing



<b>Tedious Observation</b>	<b>Hectic Participation</b>	<b>Directed Observation</b>
You did everything and we just watched you do it.	Most of their attention was on the mechanics of whatever they were running	Encourage Watch for Take note of Discuss Work with

### What I learned When the evidence tells you it's not working, respond and find a new way.

## 4. Technology













What I learned Embrace technology; use it to learn about player tendencies. It will add breadth and depth to your own coaching



#### What I learned

This must become part of our fabric. What better way to show players they belong, than to take an interest in them as individuals.

## Currently?

- Exploring different ways that players learn and the psychology linked to achievement
- CAD Coaching Controlled, Assisted and Delegated
- Fitting together different combinations of these
  Matching pitch examples to each.

# What do I hope you've got from the last 30 mins?

An heightened awareness of epiphanies and an acceptance of them when they come your way...

...hopefully not via a 2x4 to the head!



## Thanks for watching.