**User test of paper prototype**

**EVALUATION OF RESULTS:**Users found the Debate choice screen to be either too confusing, or too cluttered. This was taken into account and the functionality of the app has been changed accordingly. To simplify the process, users will be automatically matched based on interests. The debate topic and position (for/against) will be assigned automatically with no choice by user (more effectively mimicking a debate). This should dramatically simplify the app interactions.

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**Participant 1: Laura Mangos**

* The first Debate page seems more simple, but the whole page still has a lot of information with too many options
* This section should contain the for and against option. But the user also thinks choosing for/against is unnecessary
* The “fires” feel too much like tinder and make the match concept weird
* Have an anonymous animal or something for photos (Like google docs)
* The chat function seems simple and effective
* The location for meet up should be pinged like messenger and the users can discuss in a chat where to meet up.
* The star system feels similar to Uber and should be effective provided the users aren’t biased. However the user thinks a rating system is probably unnecessary as opinions could take over
* Give an option to save the person in the app as opposed to adding on Facebook (for future debates and discussion).

**Participant 2: Danyon Bell**

* Found the flames quite confusing on the choice screen. Not clear what each meant.
* The match button felt too much like tinder. “Start” button felt more appropriate. (i.e. Option 2 is the better choice)
* The second choice for Debate selection offers the ‘For’ and ‘Against’ which is preferable for this setup.
* The match page should possibly be anonymous at first if debaters choose to chat rather than meet
* Allow users to chat initially and organize the location meet up rather than show the other persons location
* Rate the opposition in terms of argument criteria to avoid ambiguous star rating system
* Maybe share the views and debate outcome on Facebook.

**Participant 2: Sam Jenkins**

* Choice screen has too much information and seems like a lot of work to start a debate.
* On the chat page, it should display discuss or debate depending on current mode as she thought she was on debate when she clicked discussion due to Debate Me title
* There should be thinking time for debate mode
* Debate message can be long. Changing to rounds might help, just like actual debating. 3mins of unlimited text and each person gets 3 rounds.
* Adding notes page so that users can take notes for thinking time.
* Size of fire visual metaphor was unclear to user.
* Rating screen is unnecessary as you are not competing
* Rating of the design: 4/5

**Participant 3: Tom Wainwright**

* “Match” feels like the online game/dating concept where you are connecting with someone, “Start” feels too boring
* The “For” and “against” option should be chosen for you as that is what happens in real debating
* Maybe have a reminder of the topic on the match page
* More information about the match (2nd year engineering student tag for example)
* Feels weird about meeting up with a random at uni (conflict based on the location choice) If there was an assigned room, a group and an adjudicator the meet up would be fine
* Touchy topics could expose the rating system to bias Maybe include a comment section. The star system doesn’t go in depth enough.
* The add on Facebook option could be inappropriate if the two debaters felt very strongly about their apposing opinions.

**Participant 4: Ben Perera**

* 1 on 1 discussion is unnecessary option for app
* text “In App” is confusing. “Online” would be better
* Fire buttons are better than just a box as it makes the app more personal
* Whole page is cluttered and seems like a lot of options.
* Better to be able to pick for or against if in this format.
* Using switches instead of buttons for selections is preferable
* Debate selection screen slightly confusing –too many options
* Rating of the design: 3/5