

Conflict Transformation: Building Community in the Classroom



International and interpersonal conflicts represent great challenges for us all. It is now critical that schools and colleges take an active role in promoting constructive responses to conflict. Teaching conflict transformation can support learners develop the necessary attitudes and skills to build community in the classroom and ultimately a safer, democratic, and just world.

Come to Belfast and enjoy an international professional development opportunity with European colleagues. Belfast provides unique opportunities to learn about conflict transformation through dialogic learning: in the classroom; educational visits to e.g. the Peace Wall and Murals; and, other community encounters.



Background to the course



Today, more than ever, learners need to gain knowledge, skills and appropriate attitudes related to handling conflict at the interpersonal and community levels. Through experiential learning opportunities, participants will be encouraged to reflect on the causes and nature of conflict and, to consider approaches that build learners' capacity to constructively handle such conflict.

This very practical and personal development programme is evidence-based and delivered through relaxed interactive workshops, collaborative learning activities, case studies, educational visits and role play. It is designed to build the competence and confidence of education professionals in promoting constructive responses to conflict.

Dates of current sessions

Session CT1: 27 June – 01 July 2016

Session CT2: 07-11 November 2016

Application for funding deadline:

02 February 2016

Objectives of the course

During this course participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Critically reflect on current beliefs regarding the causes and nature of conflict.
2. Consider different approaches to transforming conflict
3. Investigate how values shape conflict.
4. Explore the role of communication
5. Consider the power to affect change in relation to conflict

Who should attend?

- Teachers / tutors from schools; VET or Adult Education
- Head teachers; Teacher trainers; Inspectors; Advisors
- Second chance or remedial education providers
- Higher education institution offering outreach courses for adults
- Organisations working with migrant groups/ethnic minorities

Location

Belfast, UK

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