

Online course I-FLEX

Group worthy tasks for cooperative learning in diverse classrooms

- Title:** Group worthy tasks for cooperative learning in diverse classrooms
- Participants:** Former participants on the ICI courses:
“Diverse Society – Diverse Classrooms”,
“Reaching, Teaching and Keeping our learners”
“Creative Assessment for the 21st century”
- Place:** The course takes mainly place off-line. All course materials will be accessible in a Dropbox folder and meetings with trainers and other course members will be set occasionally if course members wish.
- Time:** Participants can register whenever they want and will be sent a link to a Dropbox folder after sending a bank receipt for payment. From then on they have access to all the course materials and trainers for feedback and clarifications for 3 months. It is recommended to finish on one task per week but it is participants own responsibility to manage the time and they will not be prompted by trainer.
- Objectives:** The course will build on the previous courses so detailed lectures on intercultural education and cooperative learning will not be given. The main aim will be that the former participants on the above mentioned courses get a short review of the main criteria for a rich, creative group worthy tasks, focusing on their own students and topics and guided support in creating such assignments for their own learners and subjects.
- Methods:** A range of inputs and tasks will guide participants through the program. Regularly participants will send the trainer their outcomes and get feedback, comments and suggestions for improvement.
- Outcome:** Individually or with fellow course members, participants will create their own subject specific tasks and receive individual feedback and ideas for improvement from the trainer.
- Preparation:** All participants must ensure that they have Microsoft Teams on their computers for communication and connections with other participants (if they wish).
They must send payment via bank transfer to the ICI account and a receipt of payment to Guðrún (gudrun@ici.is) They will then receive a receipt from ICI.
- Certification:** Participants will get an ICI certificate detailing the course content and completion of same after handing in all required tasks.
- Price:** **190 Euro.** Included in the cost are course fee and materials, including two lectures, a pdf version of a fully developed and tried out cooperative learning task about prejudice, migration, racism etc. (Can we change something?) a pdf version of one chapter from the book “Diverse Society/Diverse Classroom” (the chapter describing 17 simple cooperative learning structures) and instructions for creating creative group worthy tasks.

Program for Online Course I-Flex

- Step 1** Participants register to the course, transfer the course fee, send confirmation of payment.
After payment, participants will be sent a Dropbox link where they find all course materials and they get invited to a course group on Microsoft Teams.
- Step 2** Reading. Participants are asked to examine certain websites and reading materials
- Step 3** Follow the program by opening the folders in the right order and follow the tasks descriptions

During the process participants can book an on-line meeting with the trainer for feedback or clarifications or put up a question on the shared platform with other participants. If participants on the course choose to discuss or share their tasks or if they prefer to work on certain tasks together in pairs or groups, they organize this themselves through the Teams platform.

Tasks – the ones that have to be sent in to finish the course are in red

Task 1 – Preparation, listening to a talking heads about intercultural education

Task 2 – Send your changes to Guðrún for feedback and comment

Task 3 – Send your task to Guðrún

Task 4 – Send your answers on the three questions to Guðrún

Task 5 – Send the task to Guðrún for feedback and after making changes, send it again for second feedback