

The 4Cs: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration in Schools

Dublin, 4-9 Dec 2023.

Day 1 – Course introduction & setting goals

Course introduction

Introduction to the course, the school, and the external week activities;

Icebreaker activities using drama for trust and ensemble building.

Setting goals

Identification of needs and goals for each participant and relevant populations;

Introductions, Lessons, and discussion about 21st-century learners, and the current situation in Europe;

The 4Cs in the curriculum;

Group discussion and activities;

Presentations of the participants' schools.

Day 2 – Classroom communication

Lesson and discussion regarding kinds of communication used at school, verbal, written, non-verbal, digital, artistic, musical;

How to create and promote channels of communication and listening through collaborative work and social and emotional intelligence-building activities.

Day 3 – Encouraging creative minds

Lesson and activities about creativity, what it means, why it is important, how to encourage it;

Critical thinking as fundamental to the second step of the creative process.

Day 4 – Integrating the 4Cs

Lesson about strategies and examples of successful implementation;

How to incorporate the 4Cs into the curriculum in a meaningful way;

Practical activities.

Day 5 – 4Cs overview

Simulations of good communication, and group activities to generate new ideas about collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking;

Pitfalls to avoid when implementing the 4Cs.

Day 6 – Course closure & cultural activities

Course evaluation: round-up of acquired competencies, feedback, and discussion;

Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;

Excursion and other external cultural activities.