

# Encouraging Creative Thinking

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# What is Creative thinking ?

Creativity is the ability to generate ideas, solutions or artistic expressions that are innovative and valuable. It involves thinking in original flexible ways, connecting unrelated concepts to produce something unique.

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## **Course overview**

Creative thinking is considered to be a key skill for 21st century. Creative Thinking will not only challenge your own creativity but also provide you with innovative, ready to use methods that will spark and develop creativity in any curriculum based subject or work place.

## **Course Methodology**

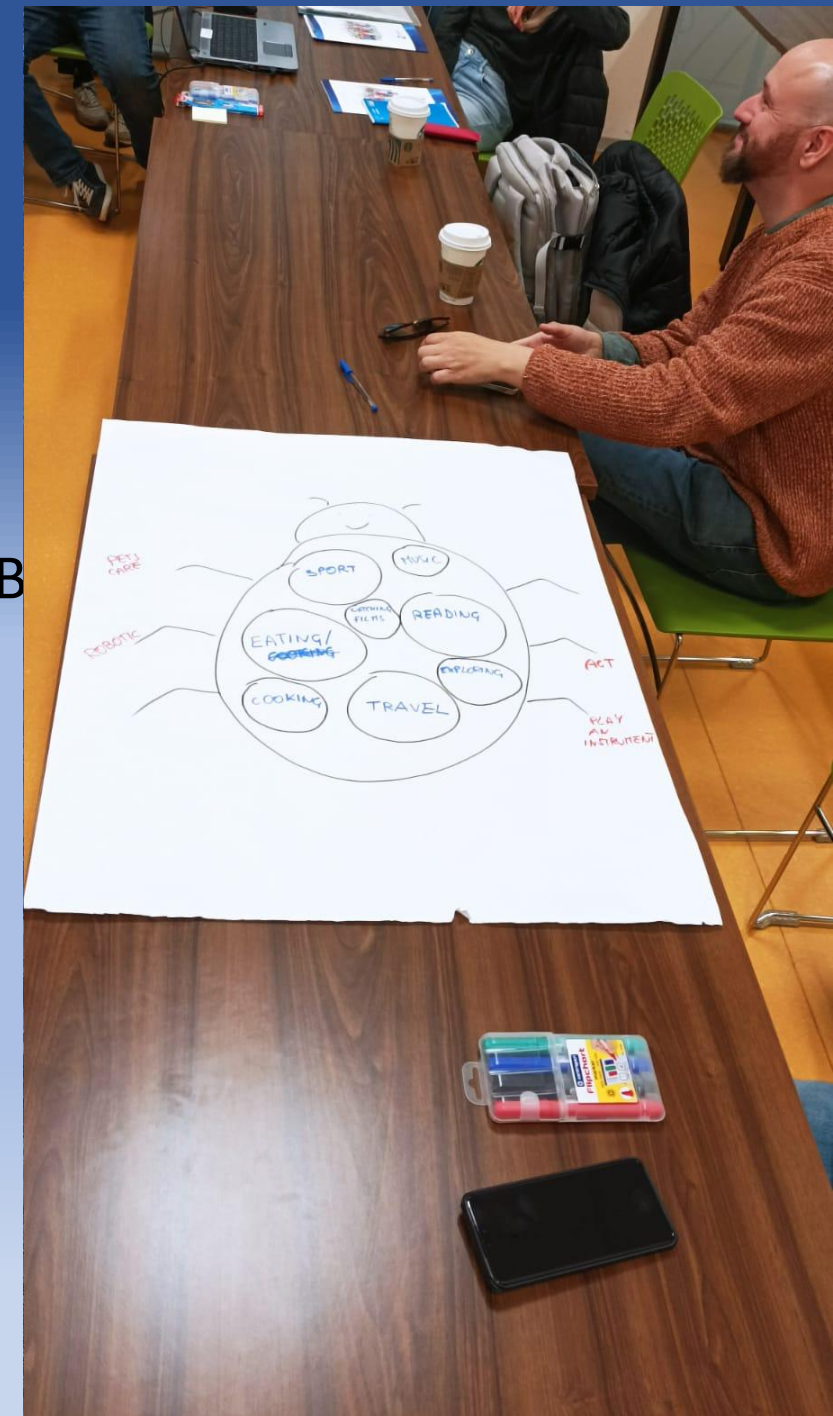
Course content was structured into 11 thematic modules which have been introduced by several tutors. Particular areas related to creative thinking have given us fundamental information that provided a platform for development of practical tools and materials.

# Modules

- Module 01 – Introduction to Creative Thinking Skills
- Module 02 – Using ICT to Encourage Creativity / Assessment
- Module 03 – Teaching Creative Thinking
- Module 04 – Mental Blocks
- Module 05 – Types of Intelligences, Learning Styles
- Module 06 – Cultivating Cultural Awareness
- Module 07 – Theater Activities
- Module 08 – The Importance of Dispositions and Metacognition
- Module 09 - Bloom's taxonomy and designing creative tasks
- Module 10 – Good questions
- Module 11 – Project workshop and presentations

# Introduction: The Lady bug

- Get into groups please
- Ladybug – draw a big ladybird ( )
- In the circles write/draw down the COMMON INTERESTS/HOB
- On the LEGS write/draw a hobby that is UNIQUE to ONE PERSON in the group.



# Mental blocks

- Self Doubt
- Indecision
- Fixed mindset
- Comparison
- Uncertainty
- No limits
- Tunnel vision

# How to overcome mental blocks

- Break: Break your Project down
- Change: Change your scenery
- Do: Do an unrelated activity
- Go: Go for a Physical Activity
- Write: Write it out
- Don't force: Don't force it
- Sleep on: Sleep on it

# Some activities to encourage creative thinking

## Can't Say YES or NO

In this activity, participants must respond to questions without using 'Yes' or 'No.' This helps improve quick thinking and creativity. The person who says 'Yes' or 'No' is eliminated. It's a great way to encourage participants to think on their feet and avoid automatic responses.



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## Why Are You Late?

This is an improv activity where one participant arrives 'late' and the others must come up with creative excuses which they act/mime. The person who is “late” must interpret the acting and put it into words. Only one person talks.



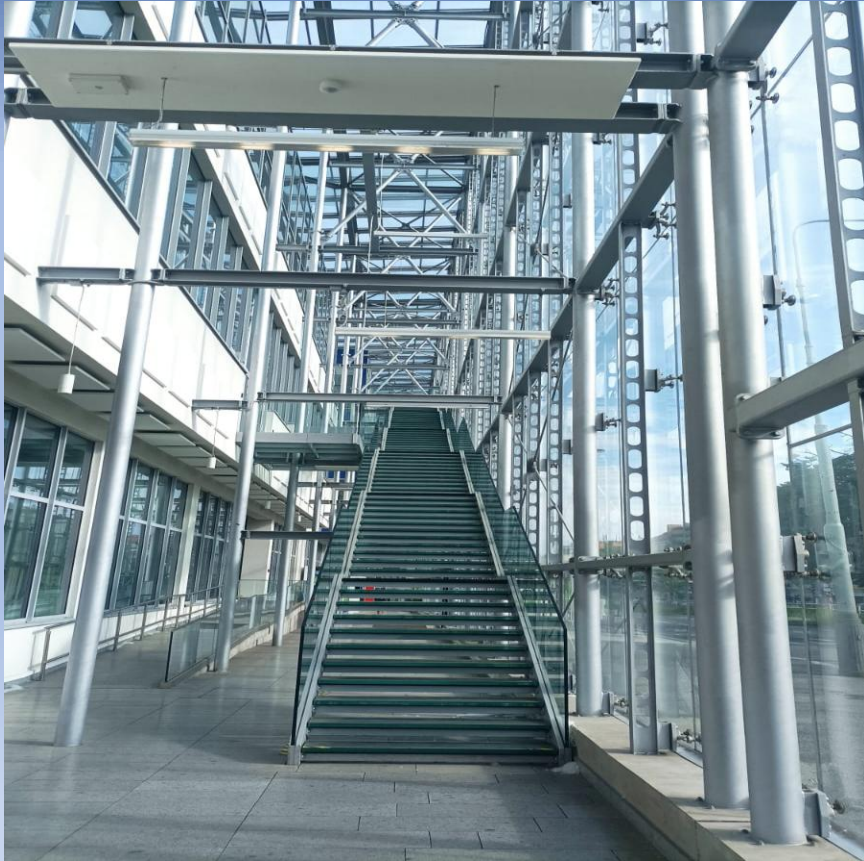
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## Improv Theatre with a Circle (Train Passengers)

Participants form a circle and imagine they are passengers on a train. They start talking to each other and when given a slip of paper, they have to very naturally include what's written on the piece of paper into their conversation.



# Inclusion, multimedia, discussion



# The importance of creative thinking in school and extracurricular environments:

Creative thinking can help students and teachers achieve their goals and overcome obstacles, both in schools and outside of it.

Through it, people can gain greater confidence in themselves and in their own abilities



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