

Open Academy Session: „K for some Learners”

Date, Time: Thursday, 31.03.2011, 14:00 – 16:00

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Workshop content/theme

Using stories – telling, performing, chain-retelling, giving titles, beginnings, ends, telling in different intonations (e. g. Whispering), imagining, drawing, and many, many other activities you can do individual tutoring with stories in the lessons or project work.

Aims

The aim of this session was to lead to understanding that there are three different and major types of learners and everybody can be a certain or a mixed type. In this way everyone is an individual and has individualistic necessities of learning. Some people remember when they listen, others when seeing something, others if they touch, try out and experiment. Those of the third type are called “Kinesthetic learners”.

So, with different learners we have to apply different ways of learning in order to be beneficial and helpful.

Method(s)/Approach

The participants were asked to try out and practice some of the story-methods and also to guess the end of a story. So, we debated, conversed, guessed and compared. Some role-played, others drew, and all were given hand-outs to define how they learn most sufficiently.

Further tips, sources, resource material or links

<http://www.suite101.com/content/student-learning-styles-a27506>

<http://www.learninghouse.com/resource-center/instructional-design/catering-to-all-learning-styles>

<http://www.rsc->

northwest.ac.uk/acl/eMagArchive/RSCeMag0809/VLE%20ImplementationMenu/learning_styles.html

Impressions, Outcomes of the workshop

The participants found the topic interesting. Some of them were aware of these types, others were curious to learn. All enjoyed and shared experience from their classrooms.

- Teachers: often use stories in teaching
- Students: Like stories and find them a creative way of learning

