

Workshop: Complex Instruction An Intercultural & participative Teaching – Learning Strategy

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Workshop content/theme

The Complex Instruction is an excellent interactive tool to work deeply with human rights, peace issues in small groups. It includes elements like status intervention, building upon diverse skills of the students, the role of the teacher as facilitator, designing CI units. Complex instruction is particularly suitable for classrooms with diverse student populations (e.g. ethnic, social, language, learning styles, culture diversity).

Aims

To introduce CI as a participative teaching method
To let Teachers experience how this method functions
To learn about CI method with implementing the method

Method(s)/Approach

- Warming up: Greeting rituals from all over the world

- We showed a 20 minutes DVD to introduce the CI method
- Simulate a Classroom activity – As an Example to learn about Roma culture
- Discussion about the adaptability of CI in your classroom.
- Closure - Feedback

Further tips, sources, resource material or links

Elisabeth Cohen –Rachel Lotan, Working for Equity in Heterogeneous Classrooms, Stanford University

Impressions, Outcomes of the workshop

It was a very nice group, good cooperation, the 3 students did not come back after the first break but we had 15 teachers left. It was a great interest in the method and we worked together very well and managed language barriers. We got many very positive and enthusiastic feedbacks.