Newsletter #3: Practices

Good and Best Practices

Have you ever wanted to exchange opinions about a certain activity, learn from experienced practitioners, or find new activities already tested by other SCE teachers? Then we have the tool for you: Good and Best Practices! Practices are real-life activities that you can apply in your everyday work, as diverse as the people, facilitators and students in second chance education.

Practices on SecondChanceEducation.eu
Best Practices Showcase

Effects of body posture.

We would like to share some of our favourites with you, to give you a taste of what you can find in our database. Check out our four highlights:

- **Practicing literacy**: The short and motivating exercise “paper chain challenge” practices literacy and the use of dictionaries. It is easily applied in many learning situations. See how it’s done in less than 15 minutes with material you´ll find in every classroom!

- **Learning effects of body language**: The lesson plan “Postures” outlines a number of activities around the subject of body language. You will find the image material you need here to get going right away!

- **Learning to learn, develop entrepreneurship**: The practice “Collecting recipes” offers you a simple idea either for a short or extended project, which can be varied to develop different competencies. Join the group of reviewers who report about their experiences with variations of the project idea.

- **Dealing with bullying**: The no-blame approach is a well-recognized concept to deal with bullying. If you are interested but don´t want to read one of the extensive publications on the topic, you´ll find a short introduction and links to external recommended resources. The Skype-webinar on the same subject provides the opportunity to ask questions of an experienced practitioner.

From Practice to Best Practice
Add to our existing practices on SecondChanceEducation.eu

The power of the database lies in the interactions that our teachers and trainers engage in. SecondChanceEducation.eu hopes that users of the site -- people like you! -- start to take ownership of the resources, add new items, share preferences and provide feedback.

- **Add your own!** We encourage all our users to submit their own best practices: favourite exercises, lesson plans or didactic material that has made a difference to your teaching and to your students’ learning success. If others agree that your Practice is effective, your reputation is cemented by high ranking and positive reviews.

- **Rate any practice** by selecting a number of stars out of 5. In this way you quickly provide your opinion on the value and usefulness of the particular practice. This is very helpful to other users who benefit from your feedback.

- **Review any practice** by providing Facilitator Testimonial, Quotes and Participant Testimonials. Taking the time to fill in a detailed Review adds value to the database and provides potential future users with more context and real-life testimonials.

- **Evaluate** your own practice once it receives a minimum of three Reviews. This is a multiple choice questionnaire designed to provide the most helpful information to future users trying to discern whether or not to test a Practice.
SCE team meets in Heerlen, NL

The SCE team meets in Heerlen, January 2016.

The SecondChanceEducation.eu team gathered in Heerlen, the Netherlands, hosted by partner Betawerk. The team has been working hard on improving the site, testing the internal mechanisms and adding new functionality to the platform. Apart from working hard, we also explored the city, for example seeing the Heerlen Murals.

Join our webinar

Reinhold Schifffers is offering another Tuesday evening Skype lecture on 16 February 2016 to interested participants, this time on the topic of cooperation: "What to do when they don't want to work with different partners?" Please register your interest by email directly with Mr Schifffers: rschiffers@arcor.de.

Next time...
...we guide you through the Professional Development section of the SecondChanceEducation.eu platform. In the meantime, let us know what you think of the showcased Practices: join us on Facebook and Twitter!

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