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Critical Thinking



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FEMPOWER Mini-Course Structure

Elements	Description
Topic	Critical Thinking
Name of Course	<i>"Are you pulling my leg" How to improve our critical thinking</i>
Responsible Partner	Fundació Inform (Spain)
Learning Outcomes	<p>The trainees/students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Understand the concept of "soft skills", and more important, the concept "critical thinking". → Know the advantages of both topics, know the disadvantages of not applying critical thinking to our daily lives. → Understand that critical thinking can be trained and improved to apply in our personal and professional lives → Be able to deploy his critical thinking by training five tricks: open the mind, interpret the information, evaluate the evidence, ask questions and communicate an opinion. → Identify their abilities to develop their critical thinking, and know how to apply it in practice → Become more active and critical students and citizens, within the limits of the course
Methods, Theories Approaches, Perspectives for Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Cooperative argumentative dialogue → Expository method → Problem based learning → Case study discussion → Cooperative work.
Type	Video + activity + quiz + activity
Duration of Course	20 minutes
Language	Catalan, with English and Spanish translations
Introduction	<p>Starting with presenting the topic "critical thinking" and name of course <i>"Are you pulling my leg? How to improve our critical thinking"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know who will be the speaker of this video, in this case Ms. Maria Batet ● Be introduced to an anecdote that links with the subtopic ● Learn what a soft skill is and why critical thinking is one of them ● Discover five simple tricks that we can use to develop in our personal and professional lives. ● Understand that we can apply this steps in our professional and personal life
Learning Process / Step-by-Step Structure	<p>Step 1 - Watch the introduction video <i>"Are you pulling my leg? How to improve our critical thinking"</i></p> <p>Step 2 - As you will see, the speaker suggests you carry out some discussion activities after watching the video.</p> <p>Step 3 - Do the tricky quiz in Genially: different questions related to the sustainable development goals (SDG).</p>

	<p>Step 4 - Take the activity “Improving the quality of our thinking empowers our learning” Put your critical thinking into practice using the given template.</p> <p>Step 5 - Record a video (0:20-0:30 s.) for Tik-Tok or Instagram where you explain, in your own words, why it is necessary to work on our critical thinking in our daily lives. You can do it individually or in a group.</p>
Tools Used / Format	5 minutes of video content, discussion of a case study, online quiz, activity in Canva
Duration	around 20 minutes
Course Value / Skills / Benefits	Social Skills, Communication Skills, introduction to critical thinking & the 5 steps
For Trainers	
Recommendations for Implementation	<p>How, when, where could it be implemented in the Practice Enterprise learning experience? Our material could be implemented in our SEFED Practice Enterprise schools, or in any other partner institution that collaborates with our project Practice Enterprise network</p> <p>Is there a need to include other trainers / teachers / subjects? Yes, we have included Ms. Maria Batet, a skills trainer. (http://valorsdemprendre.com/?lang=es)</p> <p>What topics could be connected in the class session / PE Session to introduce the Critical Thinking topic? General communication skills and problem solving, fake news in the company for example.</p> <p>What does one need to be careful about when approaching this topic? There is no apparent risk as this is a quite universal and uncontroversial topic. It can support trainees in their everyday lives as well.</p>
Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Has the trainee improved his/her knowledge & awareness about critical thinking? ● Is the trainee able to verbalize in front of the group knowledge related to critical thinking? ● Is the trainee able to stop to think and argue for an answer? ● Is the trainee aware of how he can use critical thinking in your day to day?
Feedback by Trainer for the Trainee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are on the right track. 2. I have seen your improvement over time. As a next step, it is a good idea to... 3. You have improved a lot and should start to look towards taking on harder tasks for the future to achieve more self-development. 4. You have potential and should work on your weaknesses to achieve better outcomes. One area for improvement is... 5. Keep up the good work! You will see better results in the future if you make the effort to attend our study groups more regularly. 6. You are doing well, but there is always room for improvement. Try these tips to get better results: ...

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. You have made some good progress, but it would be good to see you focusing harder on the assignment question so you don't misinterpret it next time. 8. Your efforts are commendable, but you could still do better if you provide more specific examples in your explanations. 9. You have done well so far, but don't become self-satisfied – there is always room for improvement! 10. It is great that you are trying your best, but don't stop here – keep pushing yourself to get even better results. It would be good to see you editing your work to remove the small errors creeping into your work...
<p>Sources for Further Development</p>	<p>A list of links to further develop the given topic (critical thinking listening) - e.g.</p> <p>VIDEO TED TALK (SPANISH): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxC4RfTiOsM</p> <p>ARTICLE IN EL PAÍS (SPANISH): https://elpais.com/economia/estar-donde-estes/2021-03-24/como-aplicar-el-pensamiento-critico-en-tu-trabajo.html</p> <p>ARTICLE + VIDEO IN FORBES LINKEDIN (ENGLISH): https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/13-easy-steps-improve-your-critical-thinking-skills-bernard-marr/?trk=pulse-article_more-articles_related-content-card</p> <p>HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW: https://hbr.org/2019/05/3-simple-habits-to-improve-your-critical-thinking</p> <p>ARTICLE IN UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA (ENGLISH / FRENCH) https://www.uottawa.ca/etudiants-actuels/carriere-apprentissage-experientiel/developpement-carriere/competences/pensee-critique</p>