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Course information

Title	The 4Cs: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration in Schools
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Course URL	teacheracademy.eu/course/the-four-cs/
N. of participants	Min. 4 - Max. 14
Course length	One week (6 days, Monday - Saturday)
Language	English. Other languages may be available upon request
Locations and starting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amsterdam - Third Monday of the month • Dublin - First Monday of the month • Florence - Fourth Monday of the month • Nice - Second and fifth Monday of the month <p>On request, we can organize this course directly at your school. Discover all the dates at teacheracademy.eu/courses-dates/</p>
Free time activities offered	All courses include at least one city guided tour and one full-day Cultural Activity.
Type of certification awarded	Certificate of Attendance, including a description of the course contents (80% of attendance required); other Certificates may be available upon request
Price	Starting from 480€ * * Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the Erasmus+ KA1 funds and several other programs.

Course contents

Description	<p>Long heralded as key competences for 21st-century learners, the “Four Cs” (Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Collaboration) are often embraced in theory yet stump educators in practice.</p> <p>Creativity and Critical Thinking represent inseparable attitudes and abilities for innovation which, contrary to popular belief, CAN be learned, taught and implemented in any classroom.</p> <p>Communication and Collaboration are fundamental life skills that students can draw from in their everyday experiences at school and shape their ability to live, connect with others and work well in their future. The “Four Cs” strengthen our learners’ ability to find their place – professionally, personally, socially – in today’s fast changing world, while fostering other life-enhancing Cs: curiosity, confidence, caring and cooperation.</p> <p>This course aims to provide teachers with the knowledge, the know-how and the confidence to incorporate these stimulating skills into their curriculum and school environment. In a true learn-by-doing environment, course participants will gain greater knowledge about what these competencies entail and not only how to teach them, but first and foremost how to tap into their own ability to create, to think critically, to communicate effectively and to collaborate well with others.</p>
Learning outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gain a clear understanding of the creative process and experience it first-hand;• Think critically and get the most out of today’s information overload;• Experience more effective communication abilities and techniques;• Broaden collaborative opportunities in the classroom and encourage it in all aspects of the school community;• Live a truly international team-building experience.

Tentative schedule*

Day 1 – Course introduction & setting goals	Day 2 - Classroom communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the course, the school, and the external week activities;• Icebreaker activities using drama for trust and ensemble building;• Identification of needs and goals for each participant and relevant populations;• Introductions, Lesson and discussion about 21st century learners, the current situation in Europe. The 4 Cs in curriculum. Group discussion and activities.• Presentations of the participants' schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson and discussion regarding kinds of communication used at school, verbal, written, non-verbal, digital, artistic, musical;• How to create promote channels of communication and listening through collaborative work and social and emotional intelligence-building activities.
Day 3 - Encouraging creative minds	Day 4 - Integrating the 4Cs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson and activities about creativity, what it means, why it is important, how to encourage it;• Critical thinking as fundamental to the second step of the creative process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson about strategies and examples of successful implementation. How to incorporate the 4 Cs into curriculum in a meaningful way;• Practical activities.
Day 5 - 4Cs overview	Day 6 - Course closure & cultural activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simulations of good communication, group activities to generate new ideas about collaboration, creativity and critical thinking;• Pitfalls to avoid when implementing the 4 Cs. Round up of week's activities and conclusions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;• Excursion and other external cultural activities.

*The schedule describes likely activities but may differ significantly based on the requests of the participants, and the trainer delivering the specific session. Course modifications are subject to the trainer's discretion. If you would like to discuss a specific topic, please indicate it at least 4 weeks in advance.

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