

Course code CSS.1.DRP

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## Course information

Title	Using Drama Pedagogy to Teach Inclusion and Democratic Values
Concept by	<u>Pui Ying Law</u>
Course URL	<u>teacheracademy.eu/course/drama-pedagogy/</u>
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"> <li>• <u>Athens</u> - Third Monday of the month</li> <li>• <u>Helsinki</u> - Second Monday of the month</li> <li>• <u>Maribor</u> - First Monday of the month</li> <li>• <u>Florence</u> - Fourth Monday of the month</li> <li>• <u>Nafplio</u> - Please see our website for dates</li> </ul>
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	<p>Starting from 480€ *</p> <p>* Our courses are eligible to be completely funded by the <u>Erasmus+ KA1 funds</u> and several other programs.</p>

## Course contents

### Description

Promoting inclusion, intercultural understanding, empathy, and democratic values at school has never been as essential as now. In a world where the migration of people across nations is the norm, teachers are requested to equip young learners with all competencies necessary for becoming **responsible citizens** of tomorrow's democratic society.

This course proposes drama pedagogy as a response to this challenge. **Drama pedagogy** has been recognized internationally by teachers as a compelling, challenging, and **stimulating learning experience** through which students can explore issues from across the curriculum, develop their understanding of drama, hone real-life knowledge and skills, and come to a better **understanding of the world around**. With drama pedagogy, students learn not only about drama but also through drama – that is, they learn to exploit dramatic experiences to make meaning from the real world.

The course highlights the key features of drama pedagogy to clarify its principles and strengths and adopts a **hands-on approach**. As a participant, you will learn how to use drama conventions in educational contexts by engaging directly in two drama workshops – on the themes of inclusion and **democratic values**, respectively. After each workshop, the group will debrief and reflect on the first-hand dramatic experience.

Participants will also take away drama pedagogy resources with ready-to-use lesson plans, a wide range of drama conventions, and tips for **teachers' roles in drama pedagogy**. By the end of the course, you will know how to use drama pedagogy to structure creative, enactive, and engaging learning experiences for your students. Join this course to experience the transformative power of drama pedagogy, and take away the toolbox with a wide range of drama conventions and lesson plans for you to use in your classes.

Note: Prior experience or knowledge of drama pedagogy is not required. Participants will be guided step-by-step to participate and learn from the dramatic experience.

### Learning outcomes

- Learn the key features and the strengths of drama pedagogy;
- Participate in improvisation;
- Participate and engage in dramatic experiences;
- Gain knowledge on a wide range of drama conventions and their use in various educational contexts.

## Tentative schedule\*

<b>Day 1 – Introduction to the course and to drama pedagogy</b>	<b>Day 2 - Process drama workshop on inclusion (Part 1)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the course, the school, and the external week activities;</li><li>• Icebreaker activities;</li><li>• Presentations of the participants' schools;</li><li>• Learning about drama VS. Learning through drama: Meaning-making from the dramatic experience;</li><li>• Strengths of drama pedagogy for 21st-century learning: participative, collaborative, democratic, authentic, stimulates critical thinking;</li><li>• The process is the purpose: basics of process drama and improvisation through theatre games.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience a complete process drama workshop for learning about inclusion;</li><li>• Debrief and reflect on the theme based on the dramatic experience.</li></ul>
<b>Day 3 - Process drama workshop on inclusion (Part 2)</b>	<b>Day 4 - Drama workshop on democratic values (Part 1)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debrief the strategies of the process drama on inclusion;</li><li>• Roles of teachers in drama pedagogy;</li><li>• Tips for implementing the drama conventions in your lessons.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Experience a complete drama workshop for learning about democratic values;</li><li>• Debrief and reflect on the theme based on the dramatic experience.</li></ul>
<b>Day 5 - Drama workshop on democratic values (Part 2)</b>	<b>Day 6 - Course closure &amp; Excursion</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debrief the strategies of the drama workshop on democratic values;</li><li>• Tips for implementing the drama conventions in your lessons;</li><li>• Resources of drama pedagogy, e.g. lesson plans, drama conventions, tips for teachers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Course evaluation: round up of acquired competences, feedback, and discussion;</li><li>• Awarding of the course Certificate of Attendance;</li><li>• Excursion and other external cultural activities.</li></ul>

\*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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