

Workshop 1

Commitment?



Petit Philosophy

Philosophizing with Children
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Philosophy with children is a young philosophical discipline, which is strongly connected with philosophy of education, but also with philosophical practice. The basic aim is to teach children “quality thinking”. The main target of Philosophy with Children is to develop children’s own thinking. It is very often a rich source of many original philosophical questions since children are those, who always wonder about something and have no hold backs when they want to ask or know something. These simple questions as well as authentic or simulated life situations are used as a stimulus to get children involved in a reflective discussion through which they are encouraged to think in a more complex way. Children's curiosity and persistence combined with logical argumentation (debate), refutation and proving their beliefs and attitudes make children think. Considering a specific given topic from all its aspects, through all arguments and counter-arguments of certain thesis develops children's skills to observe the focal points and distinguish what matters discarding the irrelevant. What is more, it improves their logical thinking referring to their ability to see the link between facts and arguments.

Workshop with main topic about commitment will be demonstration of one way of using philosophy with children technique. In this workshop, I will use Socratic dialogue to discuss about commitment. Socratic dialogue is one of most used methodology in philosophy with children. The Socratic method is a means of evaluating beliefs by examining contradictions among their implications or in other words: learn to make room in our minds for different ideas and perspectives no matter how much they challenge our current beliefs. Main aim of workshop is to encourage participant to think about commitment. Main questions about commitment about we will discuss in this workshop will be:

- What is commitment?
- How commitment can affect on our life?
- Is it good to be committed?
- To whom we need to be committed? Why?
- Commitment is characteristic of human relationships?
- How life can look like without commitment?
- What is basic characteristic of commitment?
- Etc.

Workshop 2



“We all like our logo”

Conflict resolution in primary school

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“We all like our logo” workshop aims to create a common logotype that represents a classroom as a whole with the inputs of all the students. The idea is to design a logo following a process that involves developing basic skills for reaching agreements: active listening, coordination, negotiation and decision-making. Attendants will work in groups of 5. Each group will deliver a proposal using the principles of decision making, namely:

- Inclusive and participatory: All persons will be involved in group debate and will be requested to contribute to the discussion.
- Collaborative: The groups may build a proposal with the inputs from all group members.
- Agreement Seeking: The goal is to generate as much agreement as possible. Regardless of how much agreement is required to finalize a decision, the group using a consensus process makes a concerted attempt to reach full agreement.
- Cooperative: Attendants are encouraged to keep the good of the whole group in mind. Each individual’s preferences should be voiced so that the group may incorporate all concerns into an emerging proposal. Individual preferences should not, however, obstructively impede the progress of the group.

This workshop will enable participants to:

1. Identify images and/or short phrases that can represent a group of persons;
2. Describe their point of view in a brief and comprehensive manner;
3. Defend their opinions and negotiate in a polite and calm manner;
4. Listen respectfully the opinions of the rest of the group;
5. Reach agreements working in small groups;
6. Coordinate the development of a common idea;
7. Summarize and explain the main reasons for the agreement reached.

With the completion of the workshop, in terms of learning outcomes, participants will be able to represent an abstract idea by using simple images and brief texts; Participate in a decision-making group process, implementing conflict resolution techniques and reaching productive agreements and also will learn to listen to others and respect their opinions.