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Module 1 - Activity 2

Game cards to guide a democratic dialogue on climate crisis

Short description	This game provides a case-based discussion method to develop a bottom-up school policy, school approach are simply school action concerning these issues at school. Most of the topics originate in sociocultural and religious values. The game is based on the Democratic Dialogue method and provides the opportunity to discuss issues that are perceived as difficult and controversial at school from a multi perspective.
	Each guiding card describes a specific case and the potential conflict that is triggered by the situation. The backside of the game card, provides reflective questions that
	 facilitate mutual understanding (horizontal level - empathy) facilitate the origin of opinions and values (vertical level - in depth understanding)
	 stimulate the development of shared approaches and strategies to tackle the potential conflict (vertical level - co creation)
Objectives	• To provide dialogue questions to facilitate dialogue about controversial topics in the classroom.
	 To co-create action strategies with other teachers about case-based scenarios
	To share multiple perspectives about case-based scenarios
Indicative time	• provide about 20 -30 minutes per case
Facilitator & target group	Facilitator: 1 person who is acquainted with the method. This could be someone from outside your school if the aim is to participate with the whole team in the exercise.
	Target group: teams of school teachers and school board
Methodology – steps for the facilitator	Instructions for the facilitator:



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	 Use the questions to create an iterative process for the participants. All participants have the opportunity to explain their perspective while others listen. Provide time to everyone to answer the question Listen to each other, do not interrupt The focus is on the question, not on the answer Take your time to formulate an answer to the question Correct or false answer does not exist No obligation to answer if you feel uncomfortable in answering the question
	"Because of climate actions of students, polarisation dynamics within the class group result in two groups. One group of students shares the opinion that truancy for climate change is only an excuse for absenteeism. Activists are said to be hypocrites because they still use the car to go to school. This results in conflict."
	 Surfing on the horizon (change of perspective) Write down one word to describe how you feel as an observer of this situation. Which ideas, convictions and values could trigger the reactions of the pro-activists? Which ideas, convictions and values could trigger the reactions of the contra-activists? According to you, what might trigger the reaction of the contra-activists? Diving (in-depth exploration) Which factors remain unsaid but could play a role in this situation? Which indegements and/or projudices dominate this situation?
	 Which judgements and/or prejudices dominate this situation? Climbing (co-create actions) How could we stimulate mutual understanding in this situation? Can you provide suggestions to deal with this situation?
Materials & Resources – tools	 Game cards with a case description and facilitating questions (additional material and cases available in the platform) a room organised in small discussion 'isles' to work in small groups



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	 paper and pencils; sticky notes
Reference/ source:	Democratic Dialogue workshops; AMIF funded project 'intercultural school'
Additional resources and related material	game cards with guiding questions (result of an EU-funded AMIF project/available online)



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