

About Philosophy for Children

An exciting educational activity for students

Would you like to: -

- ◆ Develop your students' thinking, reasoning and discussion skills?
- ◆ Give your students an enriching learning experience?
- ◆ Encourage their enthusiasm and wonder?

Enjoyable Education

Most children have inquiring minds and love learning new things. *Philosophy for Children (P4C)* is a method of doing *Philosophy* with children. Philosophy for Children opens minds, stimulates thinking and encourages wonder.

Philosophy for Children is a pedagogy you can use with any grade. It is a method of engaging children in any subject they are learning about. You start by learning about and practicing the methods of Philosophy. You can then transfer these methods into teaching other subjects. Children learn a whole range of skills along the way. It makes teaching more enjoyable for the teacher as well.

How does Philosophy for Children benefit students?

Philosophy benefits students academically and socially. They develop cognitive and cooperative skills. Self-confidence invariably improves also. During sessions, children learn to: think, discuss, evaluate, judge, question, problem-solve, focus, concentrate, inquire and reason. They become more ethically aware and morally conscious, and understand more the pros and cons of decision-making.

The process is by nature cooperative. Students learn more about each other and how to find common ground. This does not mean they agree on everything, as this is not the aim. The aim is to make meaning, broaden understanding and develop intellectually and socially. When students understand each other, they are generally more caring. Classroom morale improves as a result.

Philosophy can be taught as a stand-alone subject. It can also be incorporated into teaching other subjects. The discussion methods help children understand things better, retain information and generally find topics more interesting and fun. Marks and standards usually improve.

The skills that Philosophy develops will stand children in good stead for life. The ability to think well and make sound decisions is invaluable to navigating the complex, changing world of diverse ideas and standards they will face when they leave school. Practicing early will prepare them to be responsible, morally aware, and more competent citizens.

Philosophy for Children courses

10-week courses: 'The Thinking Circle' are available for all grades, K-12. Sessions are 50-minutes. Courses can be during school time, after school, on weekends, or as extension or holiday programs. Discuss your preferences with us and we will try to meet them. We also offer teacher-training programs, where teachers can learn how to run sessions. Contact us now for more information.

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