Multilingualism & Multiculturalism

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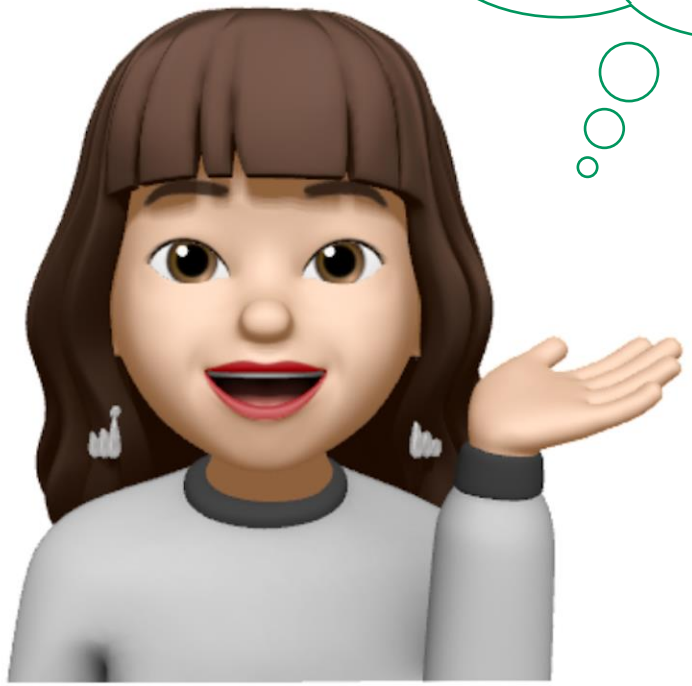
Today's Workshop

- Ice-breaking activity (Introduce ourselves!)
- Introduction to Unite! Policy & handbook on Multilingualism and Multiculturalism
- Small group discussions with 3 different questions
- Wrap-up the session: What have we learned so far & How can we move forward?

Hello everyone! ☺

I am
Sophie!

I am
Yoonjoo!



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Introduce yourself! ☺

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Your name & home institution?
Why are you here with us today?

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Unite! Policy/Handbook on Multilingualism and Multiculturalism

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Culture 360 Video

M&M Policy & Handbook

- Unite! is committed to valuing and promoting multilingualism and multiculturalism in order to foster among its students and staff global competence

- English is the common language in Unite!. At the same time, functional multilingualism is encouraged

- Many benefits can be gained from implementing this policy (e.g. cultural awareness, problem-solving skills, mental flexibility, enhanced employability…)

M&M Policy & Handbook

- M&M handbook has four sections + Appendices (Glossary, Examples & Further reading)
  - **Personal Development**
  - **Collaborative Engagement**
  - **Community Enhancement**
  - **Strategies for Management**

M&M Policy & Handbook

- **Personal Development**
  - ***What you can do your own: Focus on your individual learning and growth in language, culture, and global awareness***
    - Stay curious and open-minded
    - Strengthen your competence
    - Take advantage of existing opportunities
    - Apply your language and cultural competence in everyday life

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- **Collaborative Engagement**
  - ***What you can do with others: Benefit from co-creating and engaging in activities and projects that foster intercultural and linguistic exchange and learning.***
    - Benefit from a diverse, welcoming and inclusive enviroment
    - Benefit from multiligual and multicultural engagement

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- **Community Enhancement**
  - ***What you can do for others: Support and facilitate other people's or groups' multilingual and multicultural development.***
    - For students
    - For teachers
    - For researchers (including doctoral candidates)
    - For administrative and support staff

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- **Strategies for Management**
  - Institutional development
  - Develop and support training programme
  - Fostering an inclusive campus culture

Discussion!

Small Group Discussion

- Let's make three different small groups for discussion!
- Then, each small group will brainstorm & exchange ideas/perspectives together!
- Hopefully, each group could nominate ***a spokesperson*** who could report back summarizing the main info from the group at the end of the discussions
- ***Please write the main points on Flinga!***

Three discussion questions!

- **Q1** How to include M&M when creating a new programme?
    - Be ready to share the three most important things

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Let's wrap it up! ☺

- Summarize 2-3 key points from the discussions and also write these points on Flinga

Three discussion questions!

- Q2 How to take into account the local academic culture when creating a new programme?
  - Be ready to share the three most important things

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Let's wrap it up! ☺

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Three discussion questions!

- **Q3** How to take into account and include the local language when creating a new international programme?
    - Be ready to share the three most important things

QR Code for Question 3

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Let's wrap it up! ☺

- Summarize 2-3 key points from the discussions and also write these points on Flinga

Potentially useful links

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On Unite!'s website: Enjoy Unite!'s cultural diversity, pub 17 October 2022
https://www.unite-university.eu/unitenews/enjoy-unite-cultural-diversity

Language Tandems
https://metacampus.unite-university.eu/course/view.php?id=31

Language and global competence training
https://metacampus.unite-university.eu/course/info.php?id=68

Potentially useful links

Culture 360° video: Introduction to cultural diversity
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aybsD6ilksY

Student video contest
https://metacampus.unite-university.eu/course/view.php?id=73

Any comments or questions?

Kiitos! Merci! Tack! Danke!
Gracias! Gràcies! Grazie!
Obrigado! Dziękuję! Thank you!