Name of the TIG: Reflective Practice

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Aims and vision of the TIG:

The vision of the Reflective Practice Thematic Interest Group is the promotion of reflective practices and reflective learning in the teaching, social educator and 'educare' professions. We believe strongly that continuous learning and improvement in these areas can be brought about by systematic and rigorous reflection upon the teacher's or learner's own actions, thoughts, concerns and values in the workplace. A wide variety of reflective practices is needed to meet the differences in learning styles, educational backgrounds and learning aims of oncoming practitioners in these areas.

Format of the sessions:

We ask that contributions involve participants actively either through discussion after or during your presentation or through an active workshop. The Reflective Practice group have decided they prefer contributions of about 45 minutes to offer a better chance of going in depth.

Topic(s) for next conference (Coimbra):

We welcome contributions that focus on:

- opening new ways into reflection in order to cater to different learning styles,
- using creativity to stimulate or explicate reflection,
- improving or finding means to come to deeper reflection,
- action research and action learning,
- reflecting collaboratively,
- evaluating / assessing reflective learning,
- helping relationships in reflective learning,
- using diversity as a trigger or enhancer in reflective practice,
- helping teachers and learners deal with profound change through reflective practices.

Call for papers and proposals: send abstract to TIG leader before 1st of December 2011