G106 (Online from Toronto and Auckland)

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2:00 to 2:55 pm

Otago Polytechnic Teaching Excellence Symposium, 2023

From Tutors and Lecturers to Facilitators of Learning

Workshop with Kathiravelu Ganeshan and Dr Farhad Mehdipour



Plan for the next 45 minutes

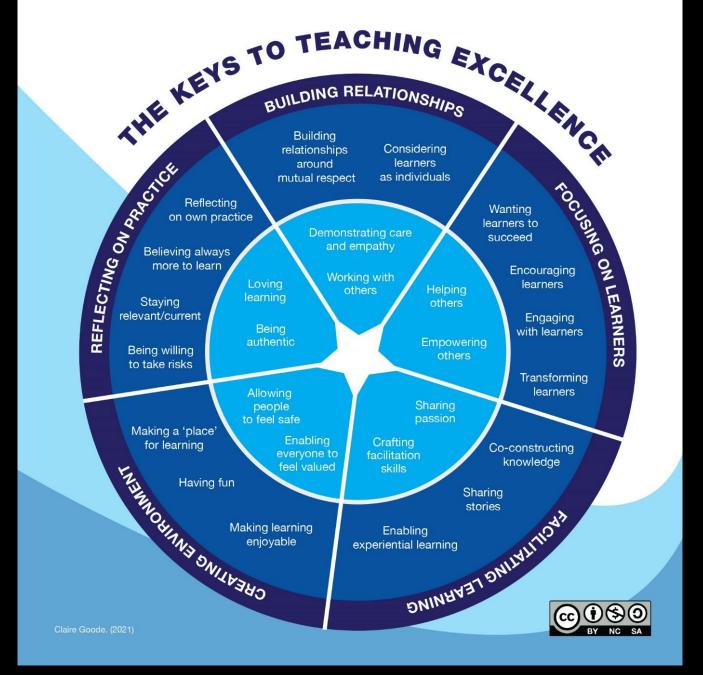
- 0:00 Introductions
- 2:00 The five Keys to Teaching Excellence
- 3:00 The sixteen components of the five keys
- 5:00 Importance of serving as role models to students and colleagues
- 6:00 Stop lecturing content is freely available
- 8:00 What we do
- 10:00 Workshop Focus Area 1: Co-constructing knowledge How we do it
- 14:00 Groupwork 1: Co-constructing knowledge
- 20:00 Share your thoughts with the whole group
- 25:00 Workshop Focus Area 2: Loving learning We love learning
- 29:00 Groupwork 2: Loving learning
- 35:00 Share your thoughts with the whole group
- 40:00 Discussion, Goal setting, and Concluding remarks

Introductions

Quick introductions of presenters and participants

The five Keys to Teaching Excellence

Creating the environment Building relationships Facilitating learning Reflecting on practice Focusing on learning



Goode, C. (2021). An excellent adventure: Investigating the stories of Tertiary Teaching Excellence awardees [Doctoral Thesis, Otago Polytechnic]. https://hdl.handle.net/10652/5480

Importance of serving as role models to students and colleagues

- Experienced learning facilitators have a duty to serve as role models
- Practice what we preach
- Leave the "classroom door open" to one and all
- Invite others to join in, anytime
- Ask for feedback
- Reframe failure as feedback
- Celebrate mistakes
- Use humor (not sarcasm), esp. about the topic

Stop Lecturing!

- Content is free and available on a mouse-click
- ChatGPT and other AI tools are here too
- No lectures, please
- Flexible curriculum
- Just in time learning
- Project-based learning
- Enquiry-based learning
- Collaborative knowledge building
- Learning facilitation
- Ako, waka, whanau.....Everyone has something to contribute



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Building relationships around mutual respect

Considering learners as individuals

What we do

Co-constructing knowledge

Sharing stories

Enabling experiential learning

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REFLECTING ON ARCLICA Reflecting on own practice Believing always more to learn Staying relevant/current Being willing to take risks

Wanting learners to succeed

Encouraging learners

Engaging with learners

Transforming learners

FOCUSING ON LEARNERS

Focus areas for this workshop

- Co-constructing Knowledge
- Loving Learning

Co-Constructing Knowledge

How we do it

Groupwork 1: Co-Constructing Knowledge

- Three or four per group
- What are your thoughts and experiences on coconstructing knowledge?
- What challenges do you face in your discipline?
- Make some notes and share with the whole group at the end

Share with the whole group

Loving Learning

- We love learning
 - New computer languages
 - New developments in hardware
 - Swimming, surfing, kayaking, ...

Groupwork 2: Loving learning

- Three or four per group
- Do you love learning?
- How can we help our learners become life-long learners?
- Make some notes and share with the whole group at the end

Share with the whole group

Concluding remarks

- Our learners need to look for new and innovative ways of doing things, taking risks, exploring, planning, trying, treating failure as feedback, iterating, and improving so they can help solve the massive issues the planet and humans face.
- Become role models, not just content-deliverers.

