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# DOING PHILOSOPHY IN THE CLASSROOM

# A Handbook for teachers

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This handbook is a tool-kit to be used when you organize a workshop for current or future teachers. Its basic goal is to offer those who are conducting the workshop some guidelines for doing so in such a way that they can accomplish the expected aims. In every Handbook the CD-rom disc is enclosed as a flexible and economical tool for teachers and teacher-trainers to save and gather further local materials of dialogue. This way, also, the cultural and national priorities and special needs of each country will be secured..

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# Dialogue on Dialogue

# A resource book for the

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The booklet 'Dialogue about Dialogue' is a collection of information and views about the practice of dialogue in educational contexts, designed to support the 30 hour course for EU teachers: 'Developing Dialogue Through Philosophical Enquiry'. It reflects the common experience of its authors: that philosophical questions/enquiry, broadly defined, provide a good stimulus for the practice of dialogue, and thereby for the ongoing development of specific skills or dispositions that are appropriately called 'dialogical'.

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