

Developing Creativity in My Learning Community

Successful Learners

Confident Individuals



Characteristics of learning environments that encourage creativity:

Successful Learners

- The right **balance** between skills and challenge: creativity emerges in environments where people are engaged in challenging activities and have the right level of skill to meet them
- **Value** creativity: have high expectations, encourage ambition and aspiration and celebrate and share outcomes
- Learning **motivates**, engages and is enjoyable
- Access excellent examples of **professional** practice both historic and contemporary
- Appropriate and effective use of **Technologies**

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- **Trust**: secure, trusting relationships are essential to environments in which people are prepared to take risks and are able to learn from failure
- **Interpersonal** skills are developed through learning with others

Effective Contributors

- **Freedom** of action: creative application of knowledge is only possible where people are able to make real choices over what they do and how they try to do it
- **Collaborative** and independent research and tasks need to be part of learning
- **Interactive** exchange of knowledge and ideas: creativity is fostered in environments where ideas, feedback and evaluation are constantly exchanged, and where learners can draw on diverse sources of information and expertise
- **Variation** of contexts: learners need experience applying their skills in a range of contexts in order to make connections between them

Responsible Citizens

- **Real world** outcomes: creative ability and motivation are reinforced by the experience of making an impact – achieving concrete outcomes, changing the way that things are done
- Experiential, active and **contextualised** learning encourages creativity
- Recognise and celebrate **diversity**
- Identify and maximise **support** available in all areas of life and work within your community