



THE INNOVATORY RESOLUTION

Preamble

Recognizing the rapid changes and challenges faced by modern societies, it is imperative to equip young people with the skills necessary to navigate and thrive in an increasingly complex world. High schools play a crucial role in shaping the minds and attitudes of young individuals.

Therefore, it is essential to create environments that foster critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and proactive attitudes. This resolution outlines the importance of such settings and provides a framework for their implementation.

This resolution defines work on developing critical skills of the future starting from the importance of such skills with an additional proactive attitude of young people which can be enabled through a safe and supportive environment. It focuses then on an implementation framework enhanced by evaluation mechanisms, collaboration and partnership and advocacy towards decision-makers on this matter.

The Innovatory Resolution was developed in the framework of European Innovatory, which aimed to create a European movement of high-school pupils, teachers and trainers, experts and decision-makers involved in a creative and collaborative learning process identifying needs and problems in



society and providing creative solutions on local and European level based on the method of Design Thinking.

Importance of Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Problem-Solving Skills

Critical Thinking

The ability to analyze information objectively and make reasoned judgments is fundamental for personal and professional success. Critical thinking enables young people to evaluate arguments, identify biases, and make informed decisions.

Creativity

Creativity is the ability to generate new ideas and solutions. It is essential for innovation and progress in various fields, including science, technology, arts, and business. Encouraging creativity in young people helps them to think outside the box and approach problems from different angles.

Problem-Solving Skills

Problem-solving involves identifying issues, generating solutions, and implementing them effectively. These skills are crucial for overcoming challenges and achieving goals. Developing problem-solving skills in young people prepares them to tackle real-world problems with confidence and competence.

Proactive Attitude

Definition

A proactive attitude involves taking initiative, anticipating challenges, and acting in advance to address them. It is characterized by a forward-thinking mindset and a willingness to take responsibility for one's actions.

Importance

A proactive attitude is essential for personal growth and success. It empowers young people to take control of their lives, set goals, and work towards achieving them. In a rapidly changing world, being proactive helps individuals to adapt and thrive.



A Safe and Supportive Environment

Safe Space

A safe space is an environment where young people feel secure, respected, and free to express themselves without fear of judgment or retribution. It is essential for fostering open communication and collaboration.

Supportive Environment

A supportive environment provides the resources, guidance, and encouragement needed for young people to explore their potential. It includes access to mentors, feedback, and opportunities for growth.

Implementation Framework

Curriculum Design:

Integrate critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving into the high school curriculum. This can be achieved through project-based learning, interdisciplinary courses, and experiential learning opportunities.

Teacher and Youth Worker Training

Provide professional development for teachers and youth workers to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to foster these competencies in students. This includes training in facilitation, mentorship, and the use of innovative teaching methods.

Extracurricular Activities

Encourage participation in extracurricular activities that promote critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. Examples include debate clubs, science fairs, art competitions, and entrepreneurship programs.

Mentorship Programmes

Establish mentorship programmes that connect students with professionals and experts in various fields. Mentors can provide guidance, feedback, and support to help students develop their skills and achieve their goals.



Feedback Mechanisms

Implement systems for providing constructive feedback to students. This includes regular assessments, peer reviews, and opportunities for self-reflection.

Collaborative Projects

Promote collaborative projects and settings for developing such projects that require students to work together to solve problems and create innovative solutions. This helps to develop teamwork, communication, and leadership skills.

Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

Assessment

Regularly assess the effectiveness of the implemented programmes and initiatives focusing on creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving. This includes evaluating student outcomes, teacher and youth worker work, and overall programme impact.

Feedback Loops

Establish feedback loop that involves students, teachers, youth workers and other stakeholders in the evaluation process. Use their input to make continuous improvements to the programs and initiatives.

Research and Development

Invest in research and development to identify best practices and innovative approaches for fostering critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Share findings with other educational institutions and stakeholders.

Collaboration and Partnerships

Local Partnerships

Collaborate with local businesses, community organizations, and government agencies to provide resources, opportunities, and support for the programs and initiatives.



International Collaboration

Engage in international collaboration to share knowledge, resources, and best practices. This includes participating in international conferences, exchange programs, and collaborative research projects.

Stakeholder Engagement

Involve all relevant stakeholders, including students, parents, teachers, and community members, in the planning and implementation of the programs and initiatives. Their input and support are crucial for success.

Policy Advocacy

Advocacy Efforts

Advocate for policies that support the development of critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills in high schools. This includes lobbying for funding, resources, and legislative support.

Public Awareness

Raise public awareness about the importance of these skills and the need for supportive environments in high schools. This can be achieved through media campaigns, public events, and community outreach.

CALL TO ACTION

The Innovatory Resolution calls for a concerted effort to create settings in high schools that foster critical thinking, creativity, problem-solving skills, and a proactive attitude. By providing a safe and supportive environment, we can empower young people to reach their full potential and contribute to the betterment of society. This resolution serves as a framework for action and a call to stakeholders to collaborate in making this vision a reality.