

Workshop 'What Students Need for a Successful School Career'

Aim of this workshop is to create awareness about the advantages of mentoring for stakeholders, especially students.

This workshop enables the Supreme Mentoring Team to get stakeholders (industry, governmental institutions, school board, students, etc.) involved in mentoring and understand the advantages and benefits of mentoring for students. By effectuating discussion between different stakeholders, people will actively think about the advantages of mentoring.

Resources: 1 hour | discussion leader | 10-20 stakeholders | whiteboard / flip-over | 5 sets of Key-word cards

Step 1) Form groups Divide the group in five smaller groups, depending on the size. Every group consists of a maximum of four people. Keep in mind that every small group should be formed as a reflection of the entire group. E.g. every group should contain a student, a person from the industry, a teacher. Avoid group only consisting of teachers / students / professionals.

Step 2) Central question When the groups are formed, pose the central question of the workshop: *'What is most important for students in their study development?'* Make sure you write down the question on a central place (whiteboard, flip-over), so all participants can see it during the entire workshop.

Step 3) Key word cards Hand out sets of 8 Key-word cards to the groups and let them list the words in order of importance*.

Safety	Role models
Confidence	Acceptance
Guidance	Fun
Love / Friendship	Motivation

* These key-words are developed based of a discussing between Dutch students. Feel free to add or replace the words as you feel fit.

Step 4) Discussion Explain that all groups will have 20 minutes to put the 8 key-words in order of importance. 1 is most important and 8 is least important. Having to put the words in order of importance stimulates discussion and creates awareness and understanding of the importance of mentoring for students.

Step 5) Central Discussion Let all groups present the outcomes and discuss them. Recap on the aim of the workshop and on the importance of mentoring.