



AMICAL 2022 Workshop

# Critical digital literacies: What next?

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**Critical**

**Digital**

**Literacies**

# Embedding critical digital literacies in HE

- Engaging with ethics, power structures & inequalities
- Collaborative – across disciplines, functions, institutions, education levels, etc.
- Partnership & peer-to-peer learning  
(Student-Faculty-Staff)
- Contextualised (situated in local contexts)
- Strategic use of openness (to find, share, teach, assess...)
- Integrated in the curriculum
- Embedded in policy, strategy & culture



# Spiral Journal activity

To calmly prepare for the work ahead while sharpening observational precision

(inspired by Lynda Barry)

<https://onehe.org/eu-activity/spiral-journal/>

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Draw a continuous  
spiral as slowly & tightly  
as possible



In my work, I **care**  
most about...



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One **hope** I have  
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A **bold step** forward  
I could take is...

One **challenge** I am  
currently thinking about  
is...

Review your Spiral journal [1 min]

Underline or circle anything that stands out for you

In pairs [4 min]

You'll go into breakout rooms...

Please share one thing that stood out to you in your Spiral journal

Back in the main room

Please feel free to share a thought in the chat, following the exercise



# Conversation Café

To build shared understanding & trust, make sense of complexity, generate new ideas

<https://www.liberatingstructures.com/17-conversation-cafe/>

## Conversation Café topic:

What actions / collaborations  
could help to support the development of  
**Critical Digital & Data Literacies?**  
(for students, faculty and/or staff)



## In Conversation Café, we agree to...

1. Suspend judgement
2. Respect one another
3. Seek to understand rather than persuade
4. Invite & honor diverse opinions
5. Speak what has personal heart and meaning
6. Go for honesty & depth, without rambling



## 4 Rounds of activity...

### Pre-Round 1

[4-5 min total]

- Begin with a short round of introductions
- Identify 1 person as **Notetaker** (take brief notes on these slides)
- Identify 1 person as **Timekeeper** (timing for each Round)

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### Round 1. SHARING

[1 min per person]

Each person shares what they are thinking, feeling or doing about this question [then pass to next person]

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### Round 2. SHARING AGAIN

[1 min per person]

Each person shares their thoughts and feelings, after having listened to everybody [then pass to next person]

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### Round 3. CONVERSATION

[4-5 min total]

Open conversation, amongst all

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### Round 4. TAKEAWAYS

[1 min per person]

Each person shares their “takeaways”  
[then pass to next person]

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2 min in Breakout Room to decide on “spokesperson”

## Debrief Conversation Café:

Top 2 things that came out of your room  
(each group)



In the Chat:

What is your key takeaway from today?

Final questions & discussion