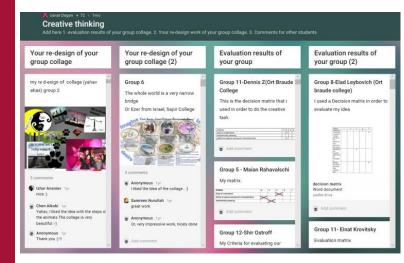


Use of collaborative tools for embedding Essential Skills in Programme design

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Project Overview

IN2IT project (Internationalization by Innovative Technologies), supported by the European Union's Erasmus+ program.



Brunel participated in two out of the four modules developed - Global Entrepreneurship and Essential Skills.

In2It Essential Skills Course

The Essential skills course aimed at allowing students to experience and practice their soft skills in a virtual learning environment.

Course aimed at enabling students to:

- Communicate and collaborate effectively in cross-cultural teams in an online environment
- Apply critical, creative and reflective thinking and problem solving skills for your own personal development through the creation of a leadership development portfolio.
- Demonstrate awareness and sensitivity of cultural differences.





















Essential Skills Course Roadmap

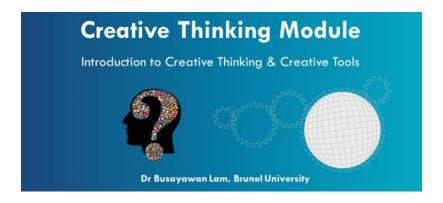


Creative Thinking module

Learning Objectives

Upon completing this module, the students should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate understanding of creative thinking
- 2. Apply the creative thinking tools to address a given problem
- Develop and communicate creative solutions to the given problems
- 4. Effectively utilize international perspectives and other essential skills to objectively evaluate ideas.



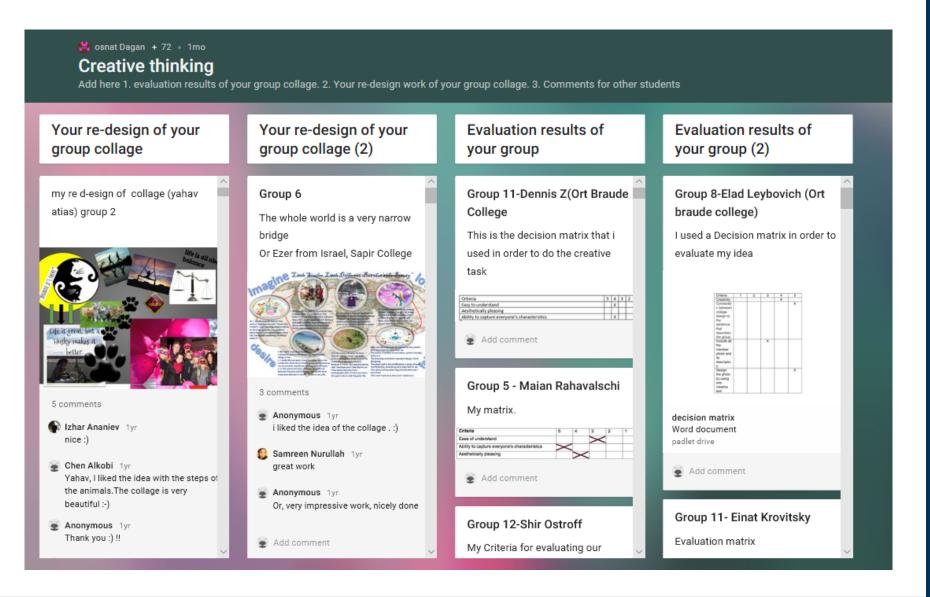
Online collaborative tool: Padlet

What is Padlet?

<u>"Padlet"</u> is a website that provides users with a digital canvas. The user can post text, videos and images from a mobile device or a desktop. One of the great appeals of Padlet for classroom use is the fact that many people can post to the same board at the same time, making it very suitable for collaborative work and the creation of projects."

(https://www.whatiselt.com/single-post/2017/09/15/What-is-Padlet)

Critical Thinking module – Task examples



Activity 1

1. Identify yourself in a team

2. Build a collage – cut off pictures from magazines

3. Write a comment on post-it notes

Activity 2

Lets have a go in using Padlet

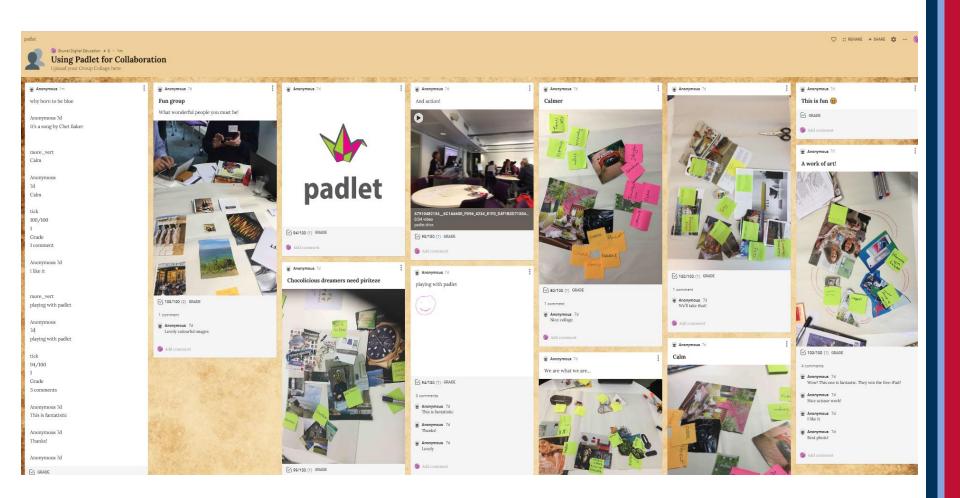
 Take a picture of your collage and upload on Padlet https://brunel.padlet.org/Brunel_DET/LT2019

Activity 3

1. Peer review and exchange constructive comments on your colleagues' posts.

2. Grade other groups' collages on Padlet

Padlet: outcome of previous activities



Ideas for using Padlet

Ice-breaker

Ask students to post something about themselves. You can invite them to come up with their own ideas or give them a more specific task.

Pre lecture activity

Ask students to brainstorm ideas on a specific topic and ask them to post their ideas to a Padlet board. Contact time during the lecture can be used to further face to face discussion.

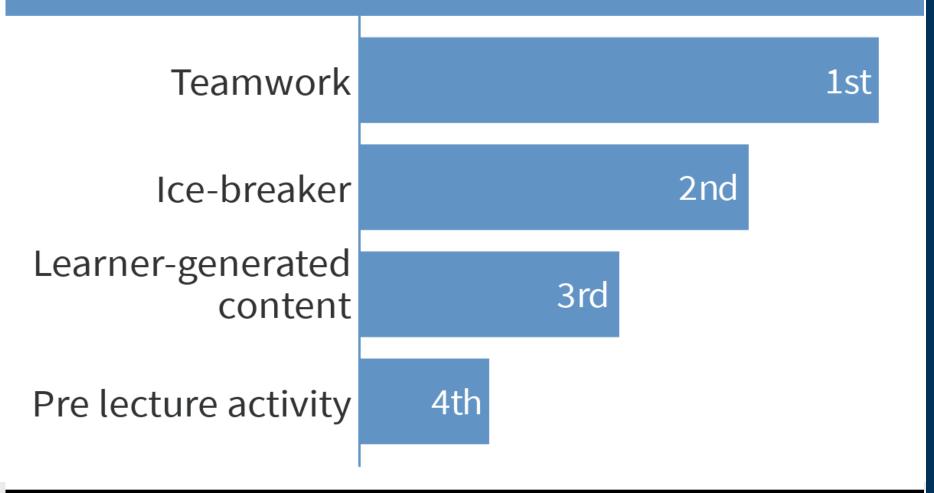
> Learner-generated content

Encourage students to design activities themselves which makes learning more meaningful and personalised.

> Teamwork

Encourage online collaboration

Rank these benefits in order of applicability for your subject areas





Any Questions



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