

## Your Learning Design – *a checklist*

|                                       | <i>Ask yourself...</i>   |
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| <b>Safety</b>                         | How do you provide for <u>safety</u> in all its dimensions for the learners? <i>Consider:</i> learning environment, language/terms, use of themes and issues important for this particular group, transparency, etc.     |
| <b>Respect</b>                        | How do you demonstrate <u>respect</u> for the participants' previous experience & expertise, as well as the situation, learning styles, and interests?   |
| <b>Immediacy</b>                      | How do you ensure that the design is <u>immediate</u> – both during the session and afterwards?  |
| <b>Relevance</b>                      | How do you ensure that the learning is <u>relevant</u> to the needs, interests and situations of the learners as individuals and a group?  |
| <b>Inclusion</b>                      | How does everyone feel <u>included</u> throughout? <i>Consider:</i> safety issues, level of engagement, gender, age, etc.  |
| <b>Engagement</b>                     | Are the learners fully <u>engaged</u> in the learning process? How?  |
| <b>Open Questions</b>                 | Are <u>open questions</u> used to engage learners in their learning and make the learning relevant, authentic and meaningful?  |
| <b>Warm-ups</b>                       | Are purposeful <u>warm-ups</u> used?   |
| <b>Learning Needs Assessment</b>      | Is there a plan for an in-depth <u>learning needs and resources assessment</u> ? Will it collect valuable information about all steps in the designing process?  |
| <b>Holistic Teaching and Learning</b> | Does the design meet the needs of Cognitive (the head: knowledge), Affective (the heart: attitudes), and Psychomotor (the hands: skills) <u>learning domains</u> , to ensure holistic teaching and learning?             |
| <b>Learning-Centered</b>              | Are the learners invited to participate in their own learning process? What did you do to ensure a <u>learning-centered</u> approach was used throughout?  |
| <b>Learning Tasks</b>                 | Is the design written with <u>learning tasks</u> (i.e. not only lectures or PowerPoint)? Are the instructions for the learners clear and visible?  |
| <b>4A Model</b>                       | Does the design follow a <u>4A approach</u> (Anchor, Add, Apply, Away)?  |
| <b>8 Steps of Design</b>              | Did you fully flesh-out the <u>8 steps of design</u> , so the event, time and place are all understood and work to support the learner and maximize learning? Which step needs more information and how will you get it? |
| <b>Authenticity</b>                   | Is it clear that the needs of each learner is the focus of all the work, content, and time together? Does it feel <u>authentic</u> ?   |