

*Application for
Teaching Controversial Issues for Social
Studies*

This workshop comprises 2 full day sessions. You will only need to register for any one of the runs:

- 16-17 Aug 10 19-20 Aug 10

Personal Particulars

Dr / Mr / Mrs / Mdm / Miss (please delete where inapplicable)

Name as in NRIC or Passport

Male

NRIC/Passport No.:

Female

School Name

- MOE-employed Others

Email Address (Mobile)

(Home) (Office)

Contact No.

- Mode of Payment:** Cheque GIRO/IFAAS

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Course overview

In order to become active and informed citizens, students should learn how to be effectively engaged in the discussion of controversial issues. Therefore, it is important to teach both *with* and *for* discussion, particularly in Social Studies classrooms. Given the shift towards an issues-centered Social Studies curriculum, this course will be particularly useful in helping Social Studies teachers structure their curricula and teaching methods to improve their students' ability to discuss issues in the classroom.

Course Objectives

This course aims to help Social Studies teachers effectively facilitate the discussion of controversial issues in their classrooms. Teachers will learn how to construct the rules and norms for deliberation and discussion, ask probing questions that are aligned to the goals of the discussion, and ensure equality of participation.

Course Description

Teachers will learn how to facilitate lively, in-depth, and high quality discussions of relevant and authentic issues. Through discussions, participants will acquire a deeper understanding of the concept of controversial public issues, identify and critically evaluate the different rationales for the inclusion of these public policy issues, understand how their views inform and influence their teaching, and evaluate a variety of curriculum resources and programs on controversial issues.

About the Trainer

Diana Hess is an Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr Hess is a highly regarded discussion leader and trainer, and has conducted ground-breaking research on the discussion of controversial issues in the classroom. She is the author of *Controversy in the Classroom: The Democratic Power of Discussion* and is a recipient of the 2009 National Council of Social Studies Exemplary Research in the Social Studies Award.

Who should Attend

Secondary Social Studies teachers

Course Details

Date: 16 & 17 Aug 2010 OR 19 & 20 Aug 2010

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Venue: One-North Executive Centre, Slim Barracks Rise

**Note: NIE reserves the right to change or cancel the course due to unforeseen circumstances*

Course Fee

MOE Teachers – \$152.90 (inclusive of 7%GST)

Others – \$217.10 (inclusive of 7% GST)

Closing date of application

16 June 2010

Applicants will be notified of the results of their applications via e-mail.

Instructions to Course Applicants

Please read the instructions below carefully before completing the application form.

Registration with payment is required for all courses. After course enrolment, cancellations/withdrawals are not allowed. However, a replacement may be sent to attend the same course.

Payment through GIRO/IFAAS

Upon course confirmation, NIE will proceed to invoice the respective schools. Schools can proceed to make payment through GIRO or IFAAS. The amount payable should be credited into the NIE bank account, number 518-041272-001.

Payment by Cheque

Participants who are making payment by cheque should submit the cheque with the application form. The cheque should be made payable to "National Institute of Education" and participant(s)' names and course(s) clearly indicated on the reverse of the cheque. Upon course confirmation, NIE will proceed to process the cheque.

Notification

GPR Office will acknowledge receipt of the application form through email within one week. The course placement letter will be emailed to applicants who have been successfully placed in a course & upon course confirmation.

Instructor

Please note that NIE reserves the right to replace an instructor for a course if the lecturer is unable to teach the course based on unfortunate grounds. No refund of the course fee will be made to participants.

Application Submission:

Please return the completed form by either:

Fax: 6896 9446 OR
Email: inservice@nie.edu.sg OR
Mail to: Teacher Professional Development,
Graduate Programmes and Research Office
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