ICSE Academy EUROPEAN WORKSHOP SERIES Spring 2024

Cluster 1: Tools and approaches to deal with sustainability issues in STEM education











Date	Topic		
Cluster 1: Tools an	Cluster 1: Tools and approaches to deal with sustainability issues in STEM education		
March 5 * 16:00 - 18:00	Local introduction to the workshop series		
March 12 16:00 – 18:00	Sustainability and socio-scientific issues in STEM education		
March 19 16:00 – 18:00	2. Inquiry-based STEM learning		
April 9 16:00 – 18:00	3. Argumentation and decision making in STEM education		
Cluster 2: Diversity	Cluster 2: Diversity and inclusion in STEM		
April 16 16:00 – 18:00 1. Introduction to diversity and inclusion in STEM education			
April 23 16:00 – 18:00	2. Analysing and designing STEM tasks for diversity and inclusion		
April 30 16:00 – 18:00	3. Analysing inclusive classroom practices (based upon try-outs)		

Cluster 3: STEM in	a digital era	
May 7 16:00 – 18:00	1. Digital Competencies, Skills and Technology in STEM Fields	
May 14 16:00 – 18:00	2. Escape Games in STEM Education and VR	
May 21 16:00 – 18:00	3. Computational Thinking	
Cluster 4: Innovativ	Cluster 4: Innovative Assessment in STEM education disciplines	
May 28 16:00 – 18:00	1. Innovative assessment in STEM disciplines	
June 4 16:00 – 18:00	2. Preparing innovative assessment practices	
June 11 16:00 – 18:00	3. Innovative assessment practices and equity	



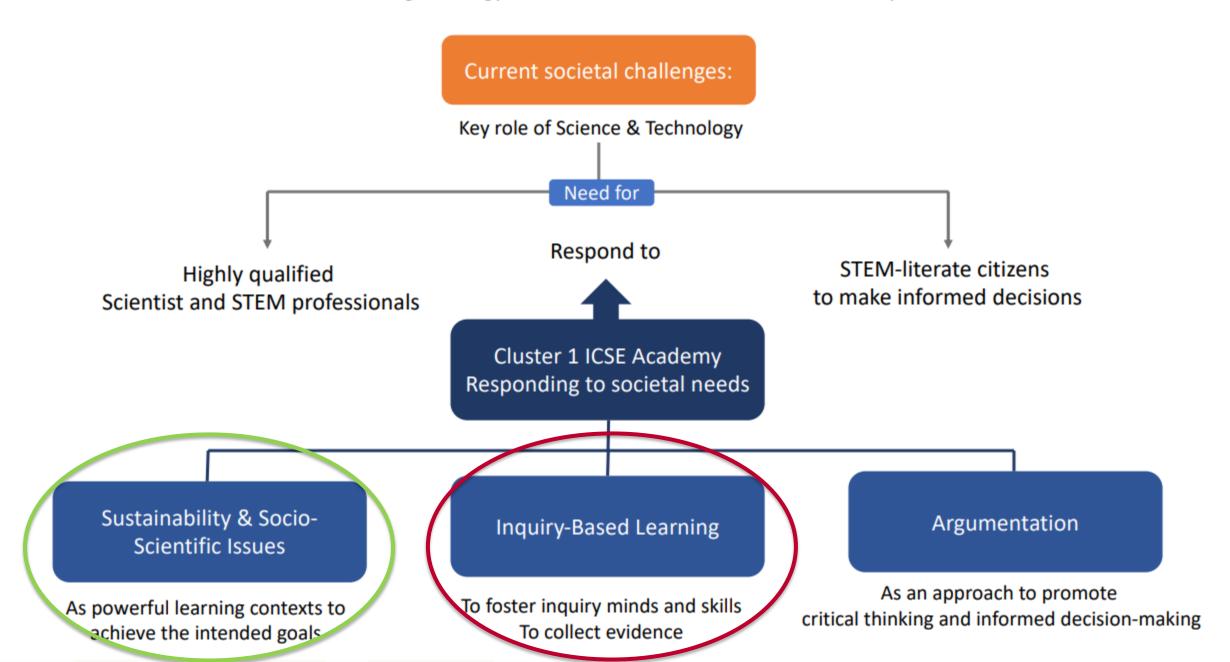








Climate change, energy and materials crisis, sustainable development



Tools and approaches to deal with sustainability issues in STEM education

Sustainability issues (characteristics):

- complex questions
- no given/correct answer
- seen from different perspectives: ecological, economical and societal
- involved parties different views not easy to solve
- interdisciplinary requires other approaches than the traditional, teacher led
- require student led and inquiry-based approaches (Bjønnes, 2017; Laurie et al., 2016)
- Inquiry-based approaches suitable to practice sustainability competences (Bjønnes, 2017; Espen, 2019)
- Solving complex and authentic tasks through the use of inquiry-based approaches gives students a deeper understanding, and it enables students to develop higher-order cognitive abilities (see Teig et al., 2021)











SESSION 2: INQUIRY-BASED STEM LEARNING

19th March 2024

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OUTLINE, SESSION 2

- Sum up, homework (Animal footprints)
- Plenary introduction to Inquiry-based learning (IBL)
- Group work: Discuss best practices from your countries
- Plenary sharing
- BREAK
- Plenary introduction to five types of IBL
- Group work: Discuss an open task (pros and cons)
- Plenary sharing
- Reminder of homework (assignment)











Sum-up of prework - Animal Footprint

Some input from you:

- not common in my country/context
- requires a "brave teacher"
- fine for the active ones
- more problematic for the passive ones
- connect scientific concepts with real-world observations
- positive for interdisciplinary work (science, math, language, art, social studies)
- encourages critical thinking and creativity, which are essential skills across various subjects
- encourages collaborative learning and differentiation

https://s.ntnu.no/animal-footprint











INTRODUCTION TO IBL



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INQUIRY-BASED WORK: "Dear child has many names..."

American - I

Inquire (Enquire) (verb): «to put a question, seek for information by questioning, to make an investigation»

English - E

Inquiry (Enquiry) (noun): «a request for information, a systematic investigation, examination into facts or principles».

IBL – Inquiry Based Learning

IBT - Inquiry Based Teaching

IBE - Inquiry Based Education

IBST - Inquriy Based Science Teaching

IBSE – Inquiry Based Science Education











«Inquiry»: different meanings in different contexts...

The three most important meanings within science education:

«scientific inquiry» refers to the various ways in which scientists study the natural world and suggest explanations based on evidence derived from their work

«inquiry learning» refers to a learning process in which children actively acquire knowledge of science concepts and learn about nature of science

«inquiry teaching» is defined as a pedagogy by which teachers engage students in inquiry.

Different terms used to describe inquiry sometimes refer to

- 1) the amount of guidance provided by the teacher (e.g., Guided inquiry)
- 2) the cognitive activities of the student (e.g., Model-based inquiry)

Anderson, 2002 Duschl, 2008











HOW DOES AN INQUIRY CLASSROOM LOOK LIKE?



Multifaceted understanding of IBL

Valued outcomes

- Inquiring minds: critical & creative
- Preparation for uncertain future & lifelong learning
- Understanding of nature of science & math

Classroom culture

- Shared sense of ownership and purpose
- Value mistakes, contributions (open-minded)
- Dialogic

Teachers

- Foster and value students' reasoning
- From telling to supporting and scaffolding
- Connect to students' experiences

Students

- Pose questions
- Inquire / 5 E's: Engage, explore, explain, extend and evaluate
- Collaborate

Learning Environment

- Problems: Open, multiple solution strategies, experienced as real and/or scientifically relevant
- Access to tools and resources
- From problems to explanations (not from examples to practicing)

Maass, 2013











10 Characteristics of the Inquiry Classroom

Genius Hour

20% Time

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2 Empower student voice & honour student choice

3 Increase motivation and engagement



passions

¿ talents

Solve the problems

of tomorrow in the

Nurture student

of tomorrow in the classrooms of today

Enable students to take ownership over their own learning and to

reach their goals

8 Fortify the importance of asking good questions

To Deepen understanding to go beyond memorizing facts and content

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4 Foster curiosity and a love for learning

@sylviaduckworth

Teach grit, perseverence, growth mindset &

6 Make research
meaningful & develop
strong research skills



Degrees of freedom

Table 1. Taxonomy of instructional approaches based on the dimensions of question/method/result that can be either open (O) or given (X)

Degrees of	Type of instruction-	Question /	Method	Answer /
freedom	al approach	Problem	Method	Result
0	Expository	X	X	X
0	Discovery	X	X	X
1	Problem-Based	X	0	Х
1	Guided Inquiry	X	X	0
2	Inquiry	X	0	0
3	Open Inquiry	0	0	0

Gyllenpalm, J., Wickman, P.-O., & Holmgren, S.-O. (2010). Secondary science teachers' selective traditions and examples of inquiry-oriented approaches. Nordina: Nordic studies in science education, 6(1), 44–60 (16s). https://doi.org/10.5617/nordina.269.











Inquiry level in IBL lessons

	Fradd et al. (2002), inquiry level in IBL lessons						
Inquiry Level	Questioning	Planning	Implementing Concluding		Reporting	Applying	
			Carrying out plan	Analyse Data	Draw Conclusions	_	
0	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher
1	Teacher	Teacher	Students /Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Students	Teacher
2	Teacher	Teacher	Students	Students/ Teacher	Students/ Teacher	Students	Teacher
3	Teacher	Students /Teacher	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students
4	Students/ Teacher	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students
5	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students	Students

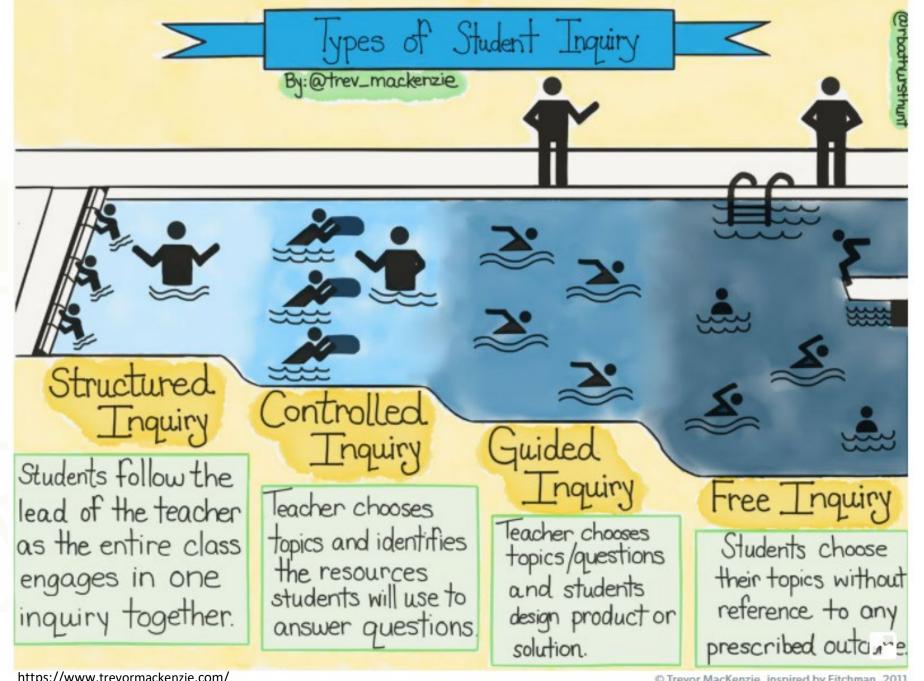


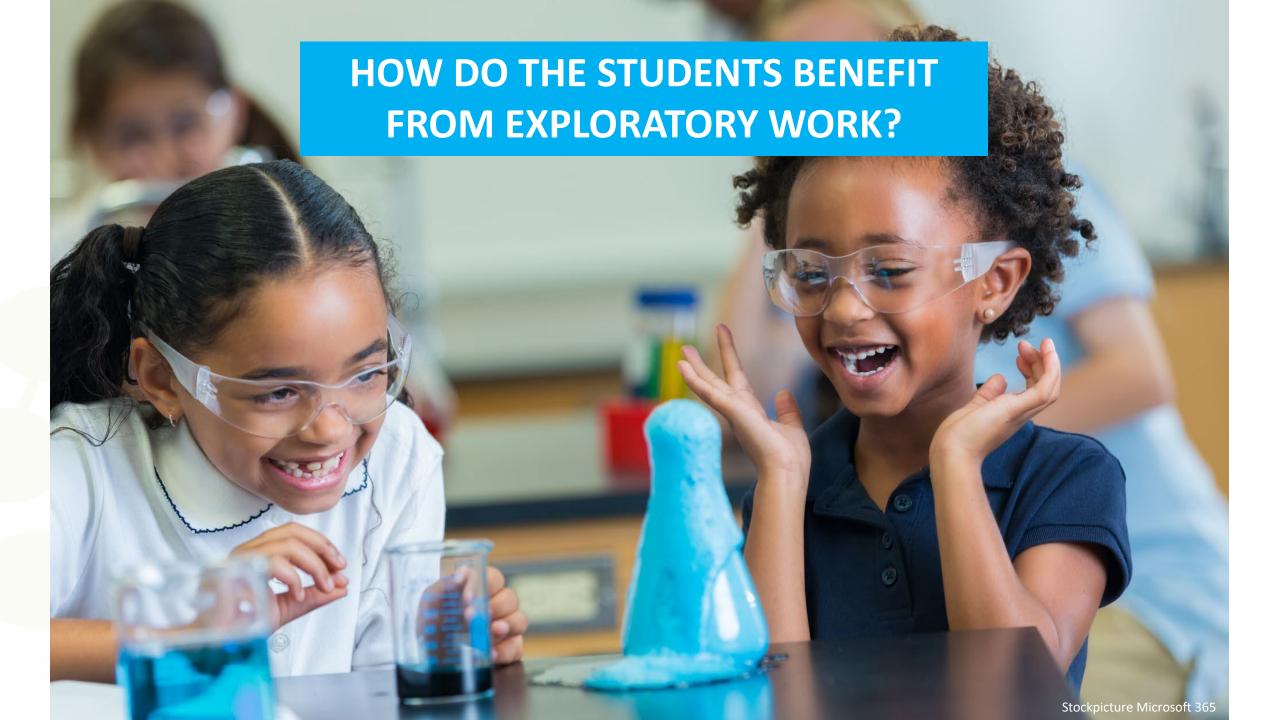












Why Inquiry Based Science Education (IBSE)?

Why is this a central concept?

Gives possibilities to be creative

Is motivating...

Gives practice in cooperation with peers

Gives a deeper understanding of scientific concepts and models...



Gives practice and experiences in solving authentic scientific problems

Gives practice in basic skills like writing,

reading, talking, calculation, digital skills.

Gives experiences and insights in scientific methods researchers use

Can give experiences in argumentation and decision making

(Anne B. Øyehaug, 2014)

What does research say bout IBSE as method to stimulate students' learning and interest?

TIMSS 2015: exploratory learning has a strong and positive connection with pupils' achievements (Bergem et al, 2016, chap. 8.4).

The correlation between the teacher's confidence in using exploratory methods and pupils' performance was also significant and high (0.59).

Several studies document that traditional teaching leads to superficial learning (Pellegrino & Hilton, 2012; Frøyland et al., 2016).

TIMSS 2019: strong positive correlation between IBL and motivation. Moderately strong correlation between IBL and academic achievements (Norwegian 9th graders) (Teig et al. 2021)













Trend in research about IBSE as methods for stimulating students' learning and interest:

Learning:

IBSE, with scaffolding, improve learning of both process and product dimensions of the sciences

Motivation:

IBSE motivate students

Frames and support structures are essential!

(Anne B. Øyehaug, 2014)

Inquiry teaching approaches does not mean «minimal guidance» or «without guidance»

 «The success of inquiry-based instruction lays in scaffolding» (e.g. Hmelo-Silver et al., 2007, Kawalkar & Vijapurkar, 2013).



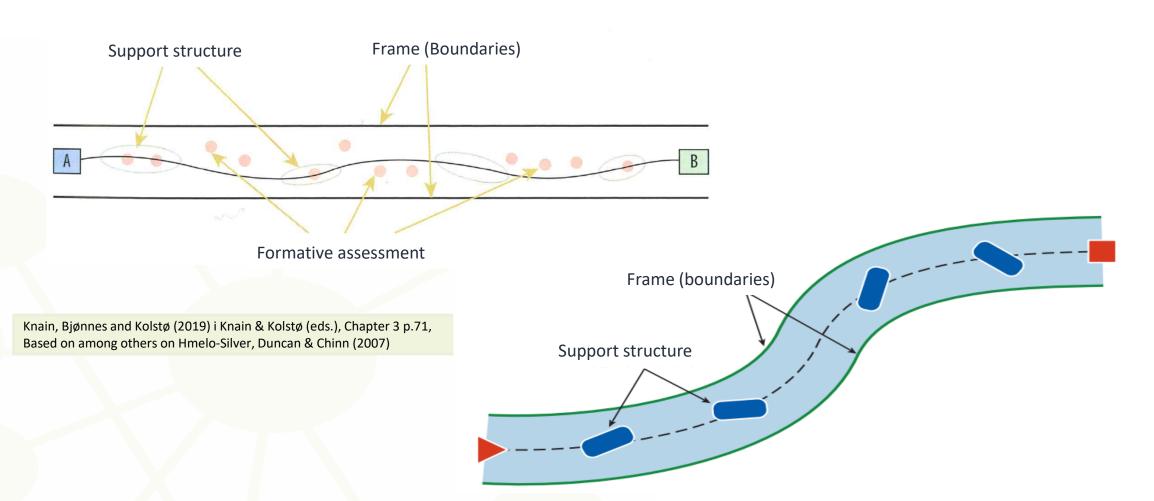








Illustration of guidance by «frames» and «support structures»









MODELS FOR PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND ASSESSMENT OF INQUIRY-BASED TEACHING











The Nysgjerrigper Method

"Nosy Parker" Method

"Curiosity" Method

Nysgjerrigper's six steps to research



1. I wonder why



2. Why is it like this?



3. Draw up a plan



4. Collect data



5. What we found out



6. Tell everyone else

The Nysgjerrigper method is designed to help children do their own research on things they wonder about. It is a kind of recipe for research. It's the same method that adult researchers use, just a little easier.

Teachers' guide in English:

https://www.forskningsradet.no/siteassets/publikasjoner/1172688889288.pdf

Nysgjerrigpermetoden.no

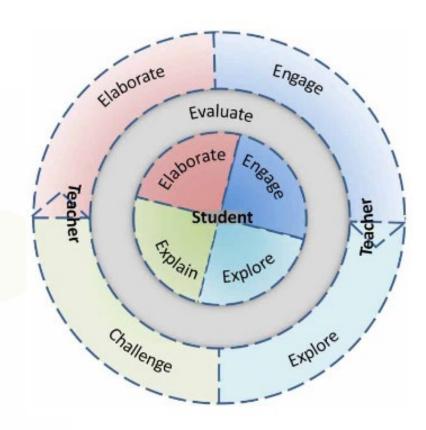
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The 5E model



Bybee et.al. (2006). *The BSCS 5E Instructional Model. Origins and Effectiveness. A Report Prepared for the Office of Science Education National Institutes of Health.* http://www.naturfagsenteret.no/SUN.

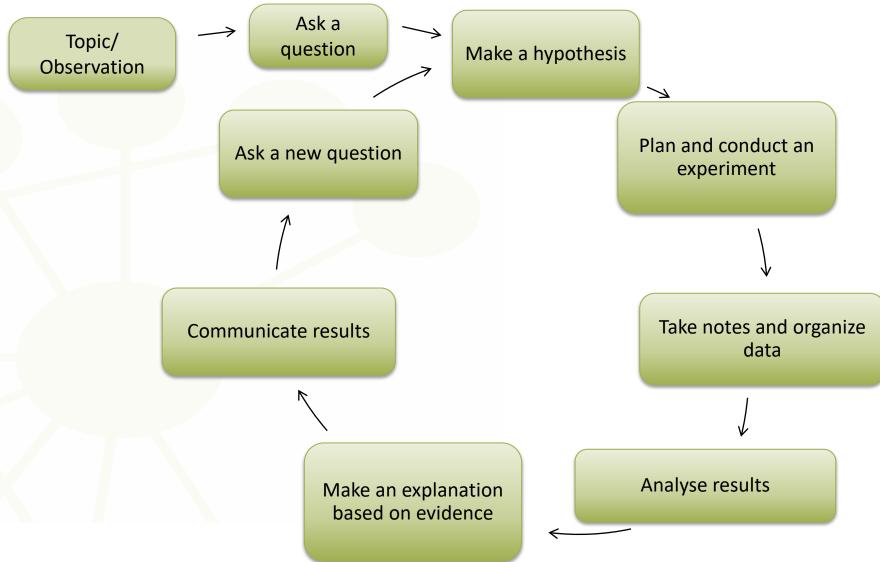
The revised 5E model



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https://www.researchgate.net/publication/279071034 Mediating Art ifact in Teacher Professional Development [accessed Sep 04 2023].

Inquiry in Seeds of science/Roots of reading





GROUP WORK

- Discuss best practices from your countries:
 - What kind of tasks or assignments do you use in your classroom practices in STEM education (relate to IBL and the presented models)
 - Choose 1-2 examples, describe them on Taskcard: https://s.ntnu.no/ICSE-IBL-task
 - Share in plenary: why are these tasks inquiry-based













COFFE BREAK













Plenary session

Introduction of 5 approaches to inquiry

Introduction of groupwork on redesign of tasks











«Soft cake» model - several dimensions of classification

Support structures

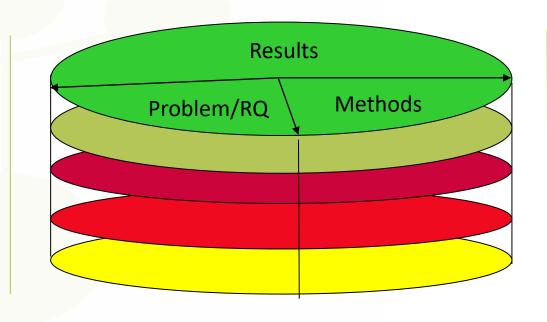
Templates

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Tools

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Frames

Deadlines

Milestones

Frames for products

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Degrees of freedom

0-3



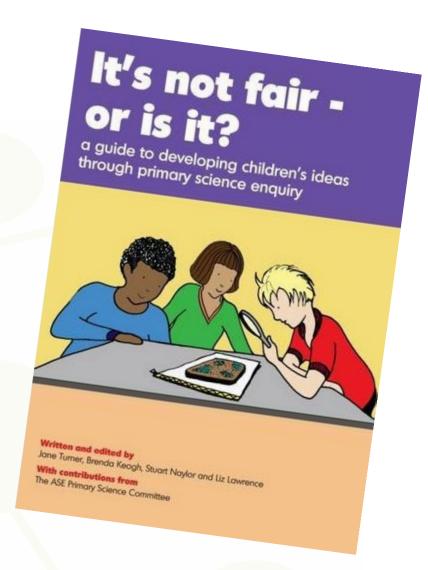








Types of IBL



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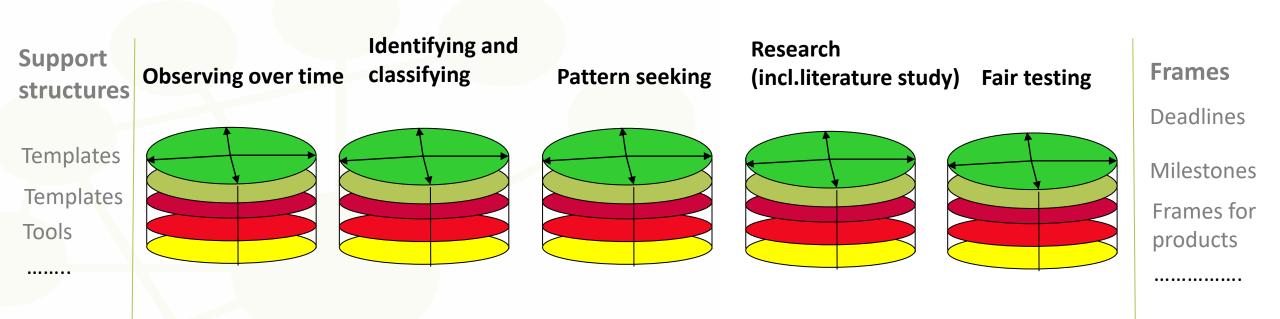








Several types of IBL tasks



Degrees of freedom, 0-3

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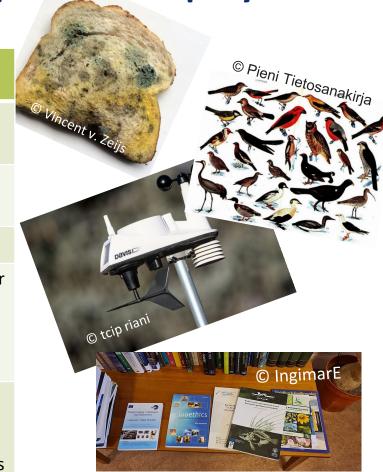






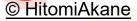
«It's not fair» – how to develop student's ideas through primary science inquiry

Type of inquiry based activity	Characteristics of the activity	Example
Observing over time	One or more parameter changes over some time	Moulding bread in a plastic bag
Identify and classify	Group, Sorting based on criteria	Birds – species keys
Pattern seeking	Systematic observation	Weather station
Research (with secondary sources)	Develop questions or find answers by secondary sources	Observe stars: use a star map or an astronomy specialist to find answers
Fair testing	Keep all parameters except one, constant	Measure - How we can hear and measure a sound source, (for example the gym-flute) or the water temperature in ponds



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Observing over time

Object of observation	Science parameters	Ideas for math
Growing chicken	Length of feet	Numbers, measure
A puddle changing over time	Depth or area (length/width)	Geometry
Shadow throughout the day	Length, propositions, Extent (area)	Algebra
Hatching of a pupa	Biological development	Statistics. Algebra.
A slice of bread moulding in a plastic bag	Colours, amount of mould (density, spatial spreading)	Statistics. Algebra.
Birds/flowers - Phenology	Arriving date / Date of flowering	Statistics. Algebra

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Identify and classify

Object for classification	Science parameters	Ideas for math
Birds – keys	Morphological characters	Quantities, measures
Toys	Colour, material, surface, weight, types of toys	Statistics. (Variables: Ordinal nominal, interval, ration)
Fruit and vegetables	Smell, taste, colours, surface	Hex numbers – hex codes - colour codes
Bathroom products	Smell, colour, phase (liquid, gas, solid), consistency, evaporation	Counting, measuring
Screws and nails	Size, material, form, surface, glance magnetism, brilliance,	Numbers. Counting

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Pattern seeking

	Object to observe	Science parameters	Ideas for math
	Wildflowers for flower wreaths (Dandelion/horse's hoof/red clover)	System in distribution (maps), regrowth after cutting, classifying of species (taxonomy)	Coordinates.
	Our body — systems and pattern	Body length, temperature, pulse, hair growth, nail growth, different parts of the body (their length, and shape) (BE AWARE OF ETHICAL ASPECTS!)	Statistics. Algebra.
	Weather pattern	Weather station: Rain, wind direction, wind speed, air pressure, air moisture	Algebra. Units. Measures. Scientific notation.

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ESD

Research (with secondary sources)

Projects	Sciences - examples of what to study	Ideas for math
Make a product	Chocolade, toy car	Quantify the receipt. Numbers, units.
Observe on the sky	Planets, moon, stars	Measure, huge numbers, scientific notation. Geometry.
Study sport arrangements or an athlete	Anatomy/physiology, physical parameters (distance, velocity, time, forces, mass) health/ways of living	Algebra. Statistics.

Sources: To develop questions or to find answers

Books

Newspapers

Journals

Internet

Family/Friends/Neighbors

Scientists/Teachers/Specialist/Craftsmen/Researchers

National and global statistics

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Fair testing

- keep all parameters except one, constant



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Test-experiment	Science parameters for testing	Ideas for math	
Measure how we hear a sound source (for example the gym flute)	Blow the flute: Register who hears the sound (frequence) and how long away (distance)	Algebra, numbers	
Measure temperature in local ponds. Keep other factors constant (no rain, same day, same depth, same distance form land)	Temperature (degrees Celsius)	Scale	ESD
Consumer testing of toothpaste	Testing: taste, "cleaning" effect, ingredients	Statistics	
Growing potatoes	Testing: the production related to several factors: Growing place, soil, sun, nutrients, variety of seed potatoes	Statistics	ESD

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GROUP WORK: Discuss the Quarterly Problem *Off on holiday!*

TASK: Discuss pre and cons for this kind of task. Write some short bullet points in the TaskCard:

https://s.ntnu.no/ICSE-IBL-TASK-TWO



Download the task from our Moodle or from the ICSE website:

https://icse.eu/materials/quarterly-problems/



IF TIME, THINK ABOUT REDESIGN: Reflect upon how this task could be more closed or more open (related to different phases of inquiry-based learning)

ASSIGNMENT – Cluster 1

TASK:

Prepare an outline for a **STEM lesson** for your local curricula. Chose a topic that you would feel comfortable implementing with your students. The lesson should use an **SSI** as a context and focus on argumentation and inquiry-based learning (IBL). In the outline include the following information: level of students, duration of the lesson, participants' prior knowledge, methods to be applied, content, assessment methods, STEM theme, learning objectives, and description of the learning activities.

We encourage you to use the **didactical diamond** or the **curricular spider web** in your planning (see next slides). The task will be graded as passed/not passed.



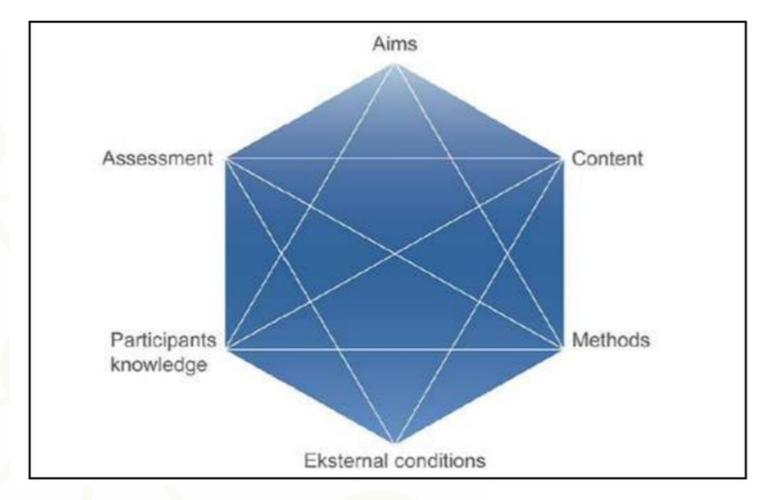








Didactical diamond (Norwegian diamond)









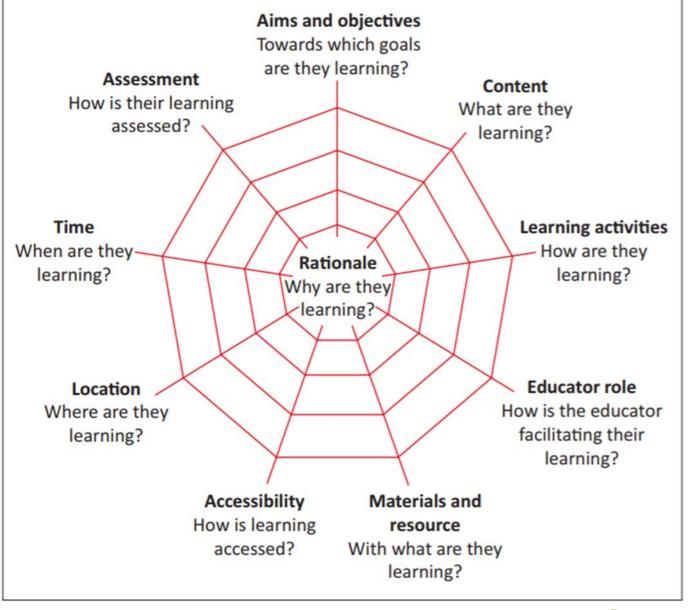






Curricular
Spider Web

Source: Macumane & Ngcobo, 2021,; in Van den Akker, J., 2003, 'Curriculum perspectives: An introduction', in J. Van den Akker, W. Kuiper & U. Hameyer (eds.), Curriculum landscapes and trends, pp. 1–10, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht.













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