



# P4C Across the Curriculum Workshop 1

## Aesthetic enquiry – P4C in Art

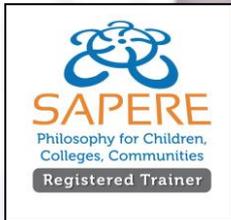
**Date and time:** November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, 13:00 – 16:30

**Venue:** The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

**Cost:** £90 including refreshments (£70 for schools booking all 5 P4C across the Curriculum sessions)

**Trainer:** Dr Sara Liptai (SAPERE trainer)

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### The course leader

Sara Liptai MA PGCE PhD is a highly experienced P4C facilitator and SAPERE Trainer.

She holds a secondary teaching certificate as part of her degree from her native Hungary and a primary PGCE with music specialty acquired in this country. She has been passionate about visual art and music from an early age; bringing this enthusiasm into philosophical enquiry has been what she sees as her calling.

What gets her out of bed in the morning is the anticipation of yet another astonishing insight by 5- or 8- or 13-year-olds, which might force her to re-examine her ideas and values.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners Oracy Hub is this year offering a series of workshops on the theme of P4C across the curriculum. The first of these workshops explores the role of P4C in art.

### Workshop overview

Most facilitators use images as starting points of philosophical enquiry, but how exactly do they use them? There are different ways of drawing enquiry from pictures.

In this course we'll consider using images for the sake of understanding them better as images; in other words, we'll practise aesthetic enquiry. We'll do several mini-enquiries and exercises with pictures, and consider the special power of aesthetic enquiry for giving participants the experience of making meaning from images while also deepening their understanding of the pictorial conventions represented by the images.

There will be a hand-out with many starting points and exercises to take back to school. The workshop is suitable for all those with an interest in the teaching of art, and existing P4C practitioners looking to extend their practice.

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## What is Philosophy for Children (P4C)?

P4C is practiced in approximately 60 countries worldwide. It engages children in **communities of enquiry**, which involve philosophical thinking and **dialogue** around questions and **concepts** that are important in their lives and in the subjects they study. This enriches the children's understanding of these concepts and supports them to engage in better dialogue, supporting their well-being and their capacity to learn.

Getting better at dialogue means getting better at 'thinking together', which ultimately leads to better personal thinking and greater wisdom. The skills and dispositions practised in P4C (by teachers as well as students) spread out **across the curriculum**, leading to a better quality of classroom talk and accelerated progress. You can find out more and view an introductory film at [sapere.org.uk](http://sapere.org.uk) and [21stcenturylearners.org.uk](http://21stcenturylearners.org.uk).

**Available support** includes taster sessions, SAPERE training at Levels 1, 2 and 3, and in-school support including working towards SAPERE's School Awards. A '**Pupil P4C Leaders**' course is also available, with training delivered directly to young people.

## P4C Across the Curriculum Workshop 2: P4C in Early Years

**Date and time:** December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023, 09:00 – 12:30

**Venue:** The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

**Cost:** £90 including refreshments (£70 is for schools booking all 5 P4C across the Curriculum sessions)

**Trainer:** Nadine Key (Headteacher, Oaklands Nursery)

### Course Overview

Using the Philosophy for Children enquiry approach in the Early Years can be a powerful tool to support young children's Communication, Language and Personal and Social Emotional Development. This course will explore ways practitioners can use the principles of P4C to enhance existing best practice in the Early Years. Practitioners will gain confidence in their facilitating role and their ability to deepen children's thinking skills for the youngest of children, ensuring all children are given a voice.

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## P4C Across the Curriculum Workshop 3: P4C in Literacy

**Date and time:** January 25<sup>th</sup> 2024, 13:00 – 16:30

**Venue:** The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DD

**Cost:** £90 including refreshments (£70 is for schools booking all 5 P4C across the Curriculum sessions)

**Trainer:** Topsy Page (SAPERE trainer)

### Course Overview

A fun, interactive course to give teachers **inspiration and practical ideas** of how Philosophy for Children can enhance the teaching of Literacy

**Get your students thinking more in Literacy!** In this course you will

1. gain ideas of how to weave aspects of Literacy into your P4C enquiry sessions
2. learn how to incorporate **thinking skills and dialogue** into every Literacy lesson
3. consider how **jotting & notetaking** connect to thinking, and can impact on writing outcomes
4. experience practical **vocabulary** and **reasoning** activities which you can adapt for your class
5. see examples of **planning** for P4C in Literacy
6. To book your place, please email [admin@southstar.org.uk](mailto:admin@southstar.org.uk).