

Invitation to Virtual Exchange Training for COLOURS Academic Teachers

Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to invite you to participate in our upcoming Virtual Exchange (VE) training course designed for academic teachers like you. This is a valuable opportunity to embrace the innovative world of Virtual Exchange (VE) — a dynamic class-to-class education program that enables geographically distant groups of students to collaborate online through structured tasks under the supervision of co-teaching educators.

Course Overview

This training course is tailored for Higher Education educators and PhD students from any discipline who are interested in integrating class-to-class VE into their academic courses. The course will be conducted on the JDU Moodle platform and accompanied with weekly Zoom meetings.

Course content

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| • April 28th - May 4th | Soft start |
| • May 5th - May 11th | Pedagogy of Virtual Exchange /COIL |
| • May 12th - May 18th | Task Design and Technology |
| • May 19th - May 25th | Managing Challenge |
| • May 26th - June 1st | Drafting your own VE scenario |

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/zGVJCukMiBxRyV5z5>

Course Workload & Format

- **Expected weekly workload:** approx. 3 hrs (including Zoom sessions)
- **Asynchronous Instruction:** Delivered through Moodle, allowing you to learn at your own pace.
- **Weekly Online Video Meetings:** Conducted via Zoom, providing real-time interaction and support. Dates and times are to be determined.



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Certification

The training will be offered **as a microcredential course for COLOURS teaching community**. The participants will be awarded a digital badge, recognising their expertise and commitment to **innovative teaching practices**.

We look forward to your participation in this training experience!

Meet your Trainer:



Malgorzata (Gosia) Kurek, PhD, is a researcher, teacher trainer, and experienced Virtual Exchange (VE) practitioner based at Jan Długosz University in Częstochowa, Poland. Her research interests include language teacher education, task-based language learning, computer-assisted language learning (CALL), and multiliteracies. She is particularly focused on the role of Virtual Exchange in teacher training and professional development.

Gosia is also a trainer with UniCollaboration, an international organization promoting VE in Higher Education.