



Module 3

Learning Approaches



Learning Area 2 - Learn to learn techniques: *Learner-centered education*

Keywords:

- Learner-centered approach
- Active engagement

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*“A person cannot teach another person directly; a person can only facilitate another’s learning,,
(Carl Rogers)*

This statement lies at the basis of
Learner-Centered Education

Learner-Centered Education refers to an educational approach that places the learner at the **center** of the learning process



Learners are **actively engaged** in the learning experience

Characteristics:

- Students are **responsible** for their own learning
- It focuses on **how** people learn
- Educators are **facilitators** that **guide** people through their learning process

Advantages:

- More enjoyable teaching and learning experience
- Increased motivation to learn
- Deeper understanding
- Culturally appropriate
- It builds on learners' prior knowledge

Person-Centered Learning makes use of different educational approaches such as:

- Active learning
- Team based learning
- Project-based learning
- Small group discussion

Sources:

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Learning Area 2 - Learn to learn techniques: *Informal Learning*

Keywords:

- Formal learning
- Informal learning
- Community Education

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Another alternative approach to traditional learning is Informal Learning

Informal Learning is considered to be **opposite** to formal learning:

- it happens outside formal educational environments;
- it is not assessed
- it is not accredited
- teachers are mentors or facilitators

Formal VS Informal Learning

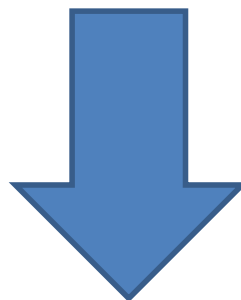
Infographics at

<http://elearninginfographics.com/formal-learning-vs-informal-learning-infographic/>

Why informal learning?

- It offers a **more personalized** learning experience
- It responds better to **learners' needs**
- It fosters **lifelong learning**
- It is **open** and **easy to access**

Informal Learning appears to be specifically fit for **Community Education**



Some examples:

- community
- community-based committees and working groups
- Volunteering
- public libraries
- community arts programs
- social activism.

Sources:

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