

Introduction

This unit will enable participants to develop their training skills for use in a variety of media training situations. It will focus first on reflecting on their own experiences of teaching and learning and outlining the training philosophy and practices that have been developed by META Europe participants in previous projects.

Participants then learn how to design courses and course sessions and how to choose and use a range of training techniques appropriate to different target groups and training situations. While learning the techniques they must remember that the choice of particular teaching methods in their trainer's experience may vary according to trainees' needs and abilities as well as time constraints. The importance of evaluation and giving appropriate feedback will be emphasised.

As the whole of the course is aimed at trainers this unit will encourage participants to operate at two levels-learning new training skills and being aware of training methods and strategies being used at all times during the META Europe Community Media course. This is a reflexive approach emphasising the dynamic between tutors and trainees at different stages of their development. It also acknowledges that these roles can be reversed depending on the context of the media training!

Materials generated for this unit will also be available for use by the trainers themselves in future courses. Participants are also invited to look at further reading material which will enable them to research and understand the area of Training media trainers more widely.