



# NON-Formal LEARNING IN FORMAL EDUCATION

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# Introduction

## Why non-formal learning?

- Need to **re-imagine educational practices** to meet **diverse learning needs**.
- **Formal education**: structured, but less adaptable to individual needs.
- **Non-Formal Learning**:  
learner-centered, flexible, practical.



# Overview of Learning Types



## Formal education

- Structured
- formalized
- leads to certification



## Non-formal Education

- Structured, but flexible
- learner-centered
- participatory
- voluntary



## Informal learning

- Not structured
- ongoing/everyday learning
- influenced by peers/friends/family

# Main Characteristics of Non-Formal Learning

- voluntary
- accessible
- organised process with educational objectives
- participatory
- learner-centred
- focused on soft skills and personal growth.
- organised on the basis of the needs of the participants.



# Examples of NFL activities

## Interactive Workshops and Trainings

- Provide a **collaborative space** for learners to interact and work together.
- Focus on **facilitation and group work** rather than passive **presentations**.



**Key elements** : active participation, collaboration, dialogue, and real-world

# Examples of NFL activities

## Peer Learning and Collaborative Activities

- Central to NFL, using **collective knowledge and experiences** of participants.
- Emphasize **empathy, respect, and mutual understanding**
- Promote **cognitive and social skill development through collaboration**



**Methods:** Small groups, study circles, collaborative

projects.





# NFL tools and methods

- Icebreakers and Warm-Up Activities
- Role-Playing and Simulation Exercises
- Interactive Presentations
- Debates, discussions and brainstorming
- Storytelling
- Case Study Analysis
- Peer Learning
- Gamification and Game-Based Learning
- Digital Tools and Online Platforms
- Creative Exercises
- Reflection Activities
- Problem-Solving Challenges



# Digital Transformation in NFL

## Digital Transformation and Non-Formal Learning

- **Post-COVID Impact:** Increased use of digital platforms, webinars, virtual classrooms.
- **Benefits of Digital Tools:** Self-directed learning, accessibility.



# Introducing NFL into Formal Education

## Why Integrate NFL? – key benefits

- Addresses **individual learning needs**
- Enhances **engagement**
- Encourages **active participation**
- Fosters the **development of 21st-century skills.**
- Promotes **lifelong learning**

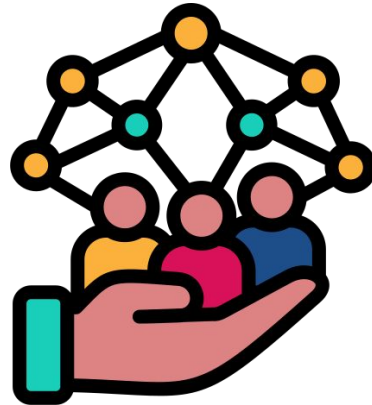


# Strategies for Integration



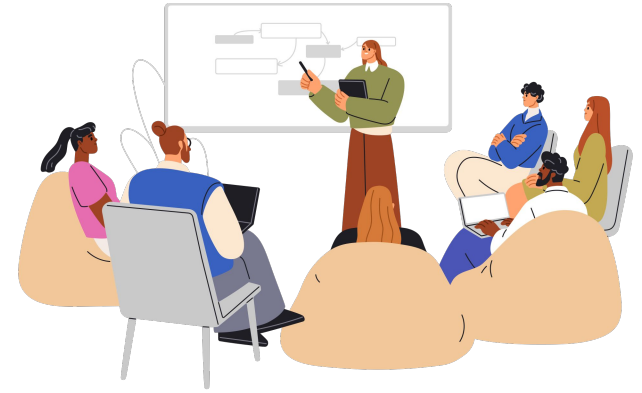
## **Blended Learning Approaches:**

Combining traditional classroom learning with NFL activities.



## **Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations:**

Collaborative projects and community involvement.



## **Teacher Training**

Train the educators to effectively implement NFL tools

# Case-study example

## Educational Programme: "Don't Be in a Hurry to Throw Away the Garbage"

- Developed by K.A.N.E. and implemented in secondary education schools
- **Focus:** Plastic waste reduction and environmental awareness.
- Linked to **curriculum across different subjects** (Math, Science, Language, Art, etc).



# Conclusion

- NFL **enhances** formal education by making it more **inclusive, flexible, and student-focused**.
- Fosters **21st-century skills**, encourages **lifelong learning**.
- Requires **planning, collaboration**, and **ongoing support** for successful integration.

# Thank you!