

# Open Gifted

## Terms and Conditions

By participating in 'Open Gifted – An Introduction to Gifted Education' you accept and agree to the following terms and conditions. If you do not agree to these terms, please do not proceed any further with the course. Email me at [giftedmoo@gmail.com](mailto:giftedmoo@gmail.com) with 'Remove Profile' in the subject line.

## Open Gifted

Open Gifted is an open, short introductory online course on giftedness and gifted education. The aim of the course is to help disseminate as widely as possible among teachers, knowledge and awareness of the educational needs of gifted children and to provide teachers with suggestions and guidelines for meeting those needs.

The course was created and developed in Ireland but it will be of interest and value to teachers, parents and others in different countries.

The course is available from the launch date for a period of two weeks.

## Guide to Constructive Participation

### Discussion Forum

There is a discussion forum after each video in the Open Gifted course. The purpose of the discussion forum is

- to enable participants to discuss the content presented in each module,
- to exchange ideas,
- to ask questions and
- to contribute to the construction of new knowledge through interaction with other participants.

The forums will also allow you to connect with other participants interested in furthering their interest and knowledge in gifted education.

Participants should follow good netiquette (for example <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>) when posting on the

forums. Below are some additional conditions to enable you and others to make the most of the opportunity to interact.

## Relevance

In any discussion, there is inevitably some wandering off topic. As far as possible, try to keep your posts relevant to the discussion title at the top of each thread. If you wish to raise a new topic to discuss, create a new thread using the 'add a new discussion topic' button.

Please remember that the use of CAPITALS beyond normal grammatical rules is shouting! Please don't shout!

## Learning

We are all learners here. Please post constructively. It is OK to disagree with another participant's posts. This is all part of the nature of discussion. Participants are under no obligation to accept your point of view; it is enough to state your case once and clarify your posts but you do not need to assert the same point *ad infinitum* until everyone agrees with you.

Please feel free to acknowledge the views of other participants and even say where they have given you something to think about.

## Advertising

Please feel free to share ideas and resources you have found useful, even if they are your own. However, please do not use the forums to advertise your product or services. Trader's Puff will be deleted.

Please do not share photographs, graphics, resources etc. that are protected by copyright, privacy rights or protected by any other applicable law.

## Responsible Participation

You are responsible for the posts you submit to the forums. Please post responsibly. If you are offended by a particular post, please do not respond in kind. Instead, email **giftedmooc@gmail.com** with 'Reporting Post' in the subject line, stating clearly the relevant post and your issue with it. I will endeavour to resolve your issue.

Some participants may post links to external websites. I am not responsible for the nature and content of these websites.

You are advised to ensure you have installed and use an up-to-date anti-virus application in order to protect your computer. I am not responsible for any loss suffered as a result of accessing any resource presented on this course or discussion forums.

I am not responsible for any actions you may take based on content, information or advice you receive as a result of participating on this course. You should use your own careful judgment when evaluating information presented on this course.

## Anonymity

This course does **not** offer any guarantee of privacy. You are **not** anonymous while participating on this course. You register with an email address and once registered, your IP address is recorded by the Moodle platform. Participants cannot see your email address unless you specifically share it with them.

Please treat people with respect. Please do not post abusive messages or messages intended to hurt, embarrass or otherwise call into question the reputation of another participant.

If you are offended by a particular post, please do not respond on kind. Instead, email **giftedmooc@gmail.com** with 'Reporting Post' in the subject line.

## Breach of this code

I reserve the right to remove any post that is contrary to this code and the spirit of the course. I reserve the right to revoke access to the course where a participant has posted any material that is hurtful, offensive, illegal or otherwise objectionable. Correspondence will not be entered into.

The removal of a post or the revocation of access to the course should **not** be taken to mean the participant involved has breached the terms of this code. Participants may withdraw from the course for their own reasons and at any time.

## Research

Open Gifted is the result of research I completed for an MSc in Education and Training Management (eLearning) in Dublin City University. It is intended to be a freely accessible course aimed at introducing teachers to the field of gifted education. It is aimed primarily at second level/high school teachers in Ireland. Other participants - whether primary/elementary school teachers or parents or other interested parties will find the course interesting and are free to access it.

Initially I am limiting access to 35 participants. It is intended in future to make the course more widely accessible.

By participating in this course, you agree that I may use your contributions to the course for research purposes. In such an event, all data will be anonymised and your personal data will remain confidential.

## Course Completion Certificate

I am happy to issue a course completion certificate free of charge on request. There is no fee charged for this certificate. The certificate will be in PDF format and will include an email address for verification.

To be eligible to receive a course completion certificate you must

1. Complete the pre-course assessment,
2. View the course videos and access the accompanying resources,
3. Post in each of the Discussion Forums,
4. Complete the post-course assessment, and
5. Complete the Course Feedback questionnaire at the end of the course.

Your participation is recorded in Moodle, the system used to deliver the course online. When you request a certificate, I check your participation in the course records. This allows me to stand over your participation and ensure your certificate has value. *Certificates are not issued for partial completion of the course.*

To request a certificate, please email me at [giftedmooc@gmail.com](mailto:giftedmooc@gmail.com) with 'Certificate Request' in the subject field. There is a minimum wait period of 5 days.

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I am a second level teacher with extensive experience and qualifications in a wide variety of education-related fields. You can find out more [here](#).

I deliver presentations to schools and parent groups on gifted children. You can contact me at [giftedmooc@gmail.com](mailto:giftedmooc@gmail.com).

Please feel free to visit my websites,

- Gifted and Talented Ireland was developed to provide information to teachers with gifted children in their classes. You can access this site [here](#).

- Gifted and Talented Network Ireland is a network of support groups throughout Ireland for parents of gifted children. You can access this site [here](#).
- I'm on Twitter [@peter\\_lydon](#) and #gtie