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Principles for creating safer and braver space in teaching groups at Movi

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Principles for a safer and braver space



- Engaging with others with an open mind and showing respect and acceptance for others as well as for yourself in learning situations.
- Valuing, respecting and understanding others, even in situations where we don't agree with their opinions or ways of doing things.
- Allowing everyone room to be themselves. Respecting everyone's differences and experiences.
- Teaching groups are inherently diverse, so it's good to be aware of one's personal preconceptions: we don't know each other's characteristics, experiences, boundaries or life situations.
- Creating space for everyone to participate in discussion and activities: listening, asking questions, giving time and learning from each other.
- When people are offended, they can ask for and receive forgiveness.
- Considering other participants when choosing which languages are used and using different languages and language resources flexibly at one's own level.

Guidelines for dealing with violations of these principles



- If you notice someone violating these safer space principles, intervene in the situation.
 - Let the people involved and/or the teacher who is present know of the situation.
 - If you are unwilling or unable to talk to the people involved or the teacher, there are other parties you can contact. For further information on the harassment contact persons, see the Student Union of the University of Jyväskylä: <https://jyy.fi/en/for-students/health-and-well-being/harassment-contact-persons/>