

Professional Learning Community (PLC)

**What does an academic need to know about why
it is important/inspiring to join such a PLC?**



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PLC characteristics:

On-line Community

Interdisciplinarity

Shared ownership

Focus on results

Expertise changes and feedback

Tips

15 UMN + 15 UP

IT IS NOT TRAINING



- MAXIMS
- 1) treat as a pilot
 - 2) keep it tight
 - 3) ALWAYS define, contextualize & check
 - 4) prioritize relationships (potentially use CoL techniques)
 - 5) intercultural training (competence)
 - 6) market & publicize
 - 7) invite (other) experts to contribute to a specific purpose
 - 8) interdisciplinarity, age
 - 9) students are "end users" & experts, co-creators
- UPOL
UMN

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Why?

Demand for professional sharing

To learn with and from others

Fostering cross-fertilisation of ideas making an impact on both sides (UP and UMN)

Open to anyone ...



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How?

- Regular weekly meetings (on-line)
- Star in Sep/Oct 2022 (duration 1 year)

About What? **PARTICIPANTS' CHOICE**

- Syllabi
- Programs/courses
- Co-teaching
- COIL
- Summer schools
- Faculty led programs
- Exchanges
- ... *we find out in Focus group*



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For Whom?

Academics from any discipline

Who want

- to improve **teaching**
- to share and develop experiences in intercultural space
- to exchange knowledge w/UMN colleagues

You can join in existing partnership/s or alone (match in your own discipline)

Who would you nominate?



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What you put in ?

90 mins/month

What you get out of it?

US perspective in your field

Relationships (w/UMN colleagues)

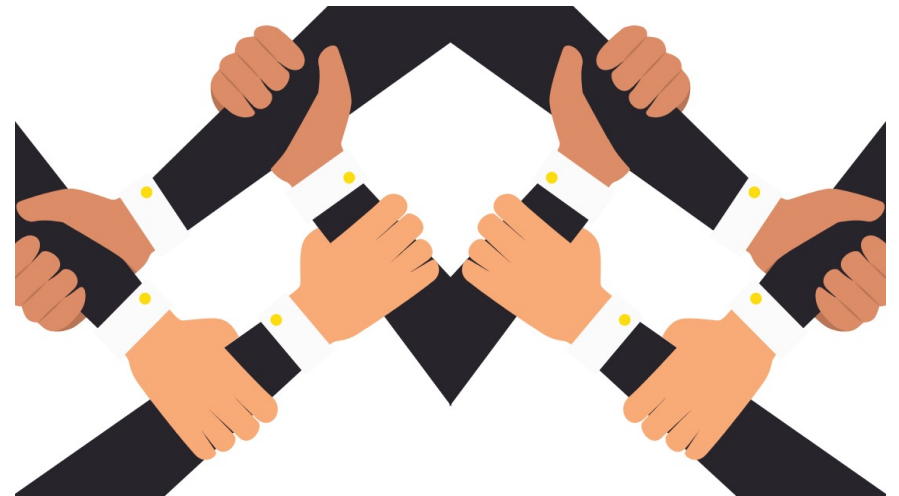
Good teaching practices

Space to co-create courses

Tools for teaching international classroom

Resources for teaching

Certificate (CŽV)



Professional Learning Community

- Focus group, May 10
- 15:00 – 16:30
- Velká zasedačka RUP



Your Ideas, Questions?

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