

# Values and Short Films in Language Education



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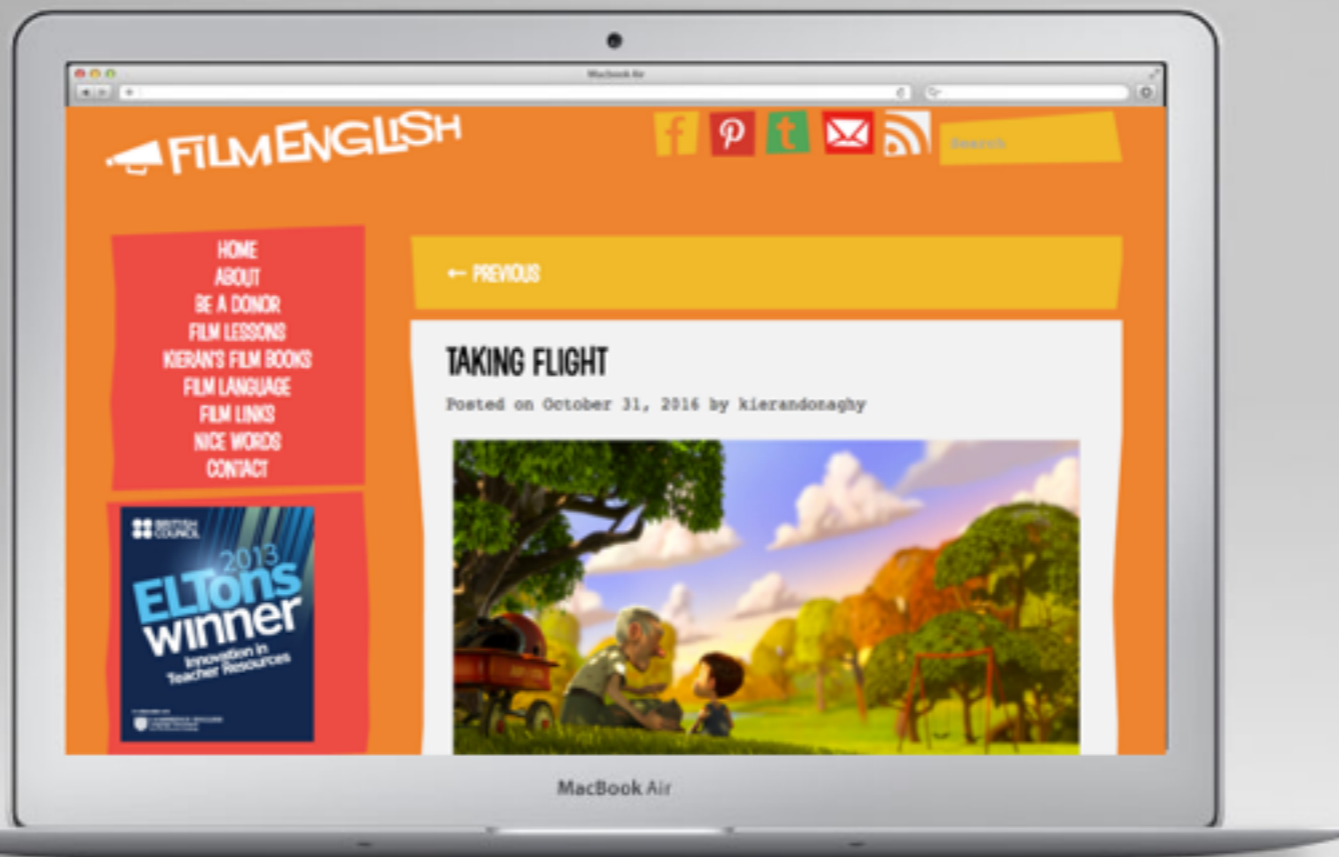
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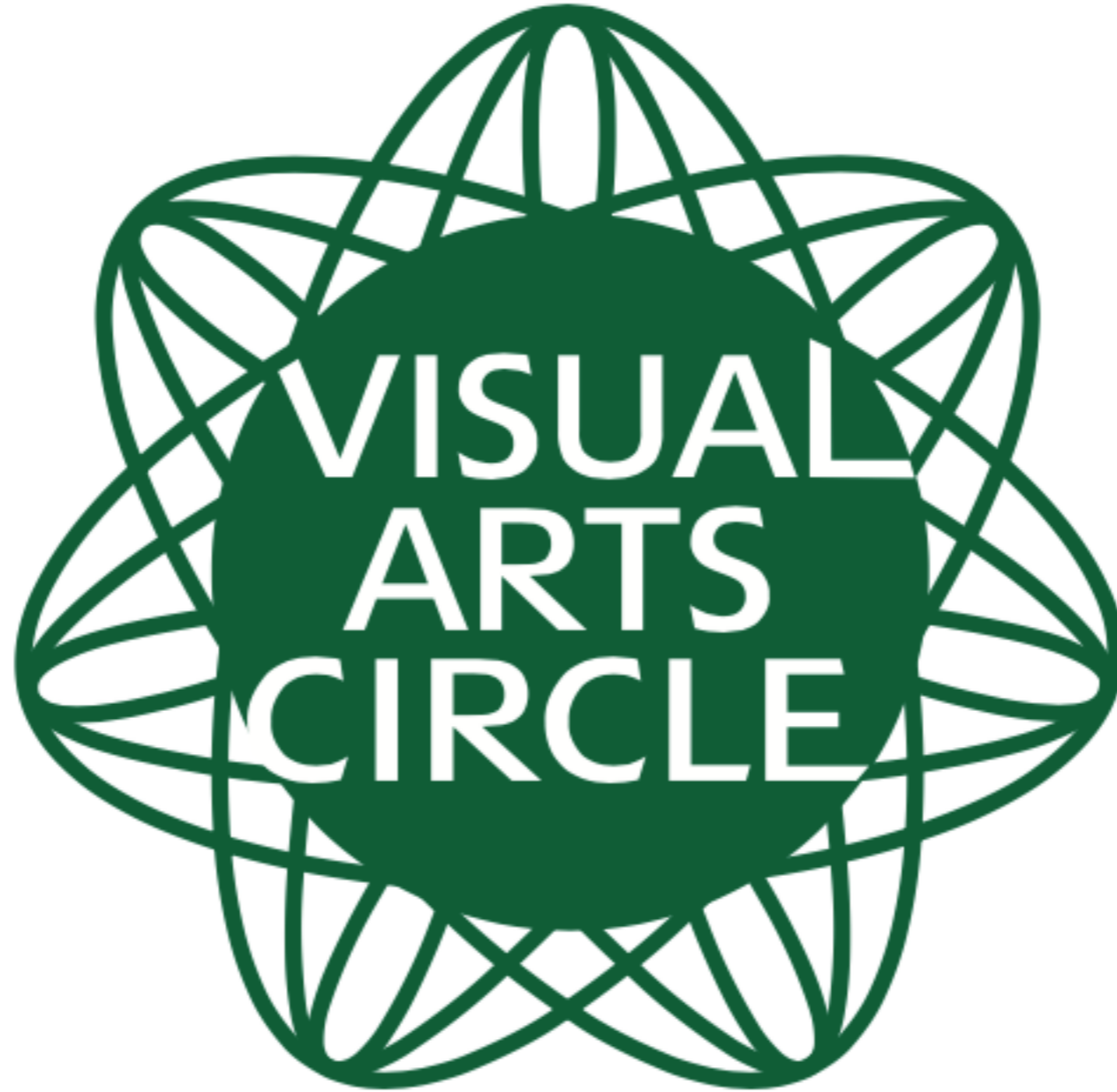


Slow Education is based upon Socratic, adaptive and non-standards based approaches to teaching and learning.

“Slow Education is about supporting our children to develop values and ethics that will enable them to live a joyous life in the slow lane.”







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New York College, Athens, 6th & 7th October

# Overview of the session

1. Why are values important in language education?
2. What are universal and global values?
3. What are values affirmations?
4. Why are values affirmations beneficial in education?
5. How can we use short films and videos to encourage students to reflect on values?
6. How can we get students to use media creation projects to reflect on values?

Why are values important in language education?



Shay Coyne

“If we want to provide quality education in our societies, Values Education needs to be at its core. The children we teach are our future; as educators, we have a responsibility to ensure that the classroom provides environments that allow learners to explore the values and skills they will need to navigate a more interconnected and globalised world, one of diversity and inclusion.”

Shay Coyne



Emily Hird

“We have a responsibility as teachers and publishers to think about possible correctives to the dishonesty and intolerance we see all around us. Hard as it might be, and unnatural as it might feel, we need to find ways to meaningfully integrate in our lessons the values we want to see reflected in the world.”

Emily Hird



Students should be encouraged to reflect on and discuss values.

What are universal values?

# Universal Values

“...universal values...are values that a great many human beings in the vast majority of places and situations, at almost all times, do in fact hold in common, whether consciously and explicitly or as expressed in their behaviour...”

Isaiah Berlin

# Universal Values

altruism, authenticity,  
community, compassion,  
creativity, determination,  
fairness, honesty,  
generosity, kindness,  
optimism, respect,  
responsibility, self-respect,  
tolerance, and wisdom

What are global values?

# Global values

A global value is a goal or standard vital for living in the interdependent world.

# Global values

Justice, freedom, peace,  
dignity, equality, human rights,  
democracy, social  
responsibility, tolerance,  
independence,  
environmentalism,  
multiculturalism, and  
anti-consumerism

What are  
values affirmations?



Values affirmations are well-timed interventions that encourage individuals to reflect on values that are personally relevant to them.

# Value Affirmation Activity 1

Make a list of the values that matter most to you.

kindness  
compassion  
honesty  
generosity  
empathy  
respect  
self-respect  
tolerance  
altruism  
fairness

## Value Affirmation Activity 2

Reflect and write about things most important to you — your relationships with friends or family, or your personal interests.

Why are values affirmations  
beneficial in education?

# 1. Reduce stress

“These findings suggest that reflecting on personal values can keep neuroendocrine and psychological responses to stress at low levels.”

Traci Mann, UCLA

## 2. Strengthen willpower

"Self-affirmation holds promise as a mental strategy that reduces the likelihood of self-control failure."

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, May 2016

### 3. Response to feedback

“Even a simple reminder of one’s core values reduces defensiveness against threatening information.”

Michael Inzlicht, 2012



4. They help minority students.

“It's clear that broadening their perspectives on themselves reduces minority students' sense of threat and therefore the likeliness that they will falter.”

Geoffrey Cohen, 2012

How can we use short  
films and videos to  
encourage students  
to reflect on values?

Short films and videos are an efficient and engaging medium through which to introduce values into the classroom and to encourage students to reflect on values.

- They're short
- Tell a whole narrative
- Attention grabbing
- Deal with values
- Deal with contemporary issues
- Multimodal texts

Silent short films

Soar

What values are  
illustrated in this film?





What values are  
illustrated in this film?

Are these values  
important to you?  
Why?

Why might this value be  
important to someone  
else?

Are these values  
important in society?  
Why?

Alike

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Animated  
narratives and  
lectures

What values are  
illustrated in this film?

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What is success for you?

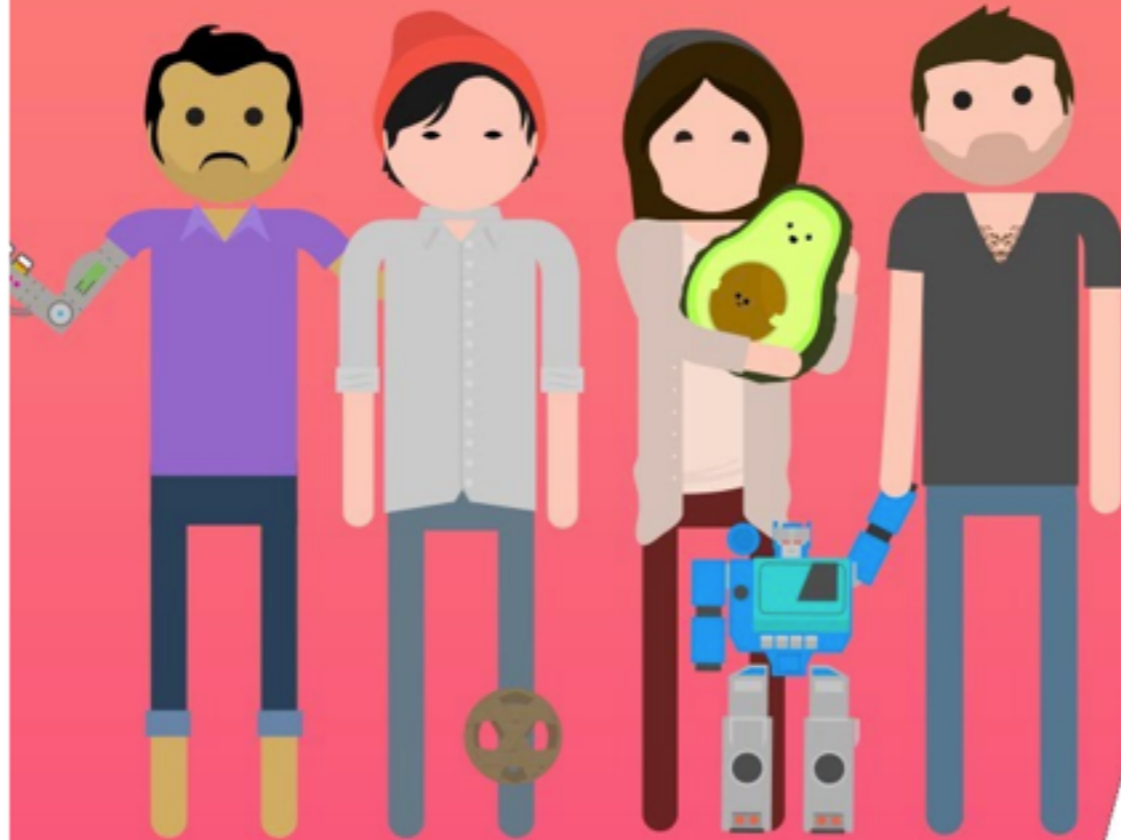


# THE SCHOOL OF LIFE

IDEAS TO LIVE BY

How would you like to be  
remembered?





TODAY





# Amy Krouse Rosenthal

## “You May Want to Marry my Husband”



How can we get students  
use media creation  
projects to encourage  
students to reflect on  
values?

What is beauty?





What is hope?

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL





Carol Read



“Values Education enriches language learning and has a positive impact on children’s wellbeing, academic diligence and behaviour. It might just also help to change the world!”

Carol Read

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