

English for the fun of it.

Workshop 2 11.-12.15

Materials:

MindMatters kit

Intro

Welcome

I am a teacher librarian at Thomas More College.

I have been a teacher of Stage 2 English Communications and the former PAS English for seven years and for the past two years I have been teaching Stage 1 English. Another interest I have is non-violence training with adults. I have been involved with this as a volunteer for the past nine years.

After attending a conference on Mind Matters two years ago, I was very impressed by the content and also the methodology that Mind Matters uses. I offered to be part of the team working to incorporate MindMatters with the English curriculum at Stage 1, with Vanessa Houlby from MindMatters and Pam from SSABSA and trialing it in the classroom. That has resulted in two programmes for Stage 1 that are available on the SSABSA website.

What I would like to do today is to pick out some of the fun things that I discovered working with the MindMatters material. All of your schools will have a kit somewhere. If not, you will find the website has the same material. It's worth going on a search for it. Two booklets contain most of the games activities, Enhancing Resilience 1 and Enhancing Resilience 2. I picked out a few of these to show you today and a few other favourites from my non-violence training kit are included in the handout.

The best way to find out about fun activities is to try them, so here goes.

The adjective name game (sitting down, memory, sequential)

Concentric circles (sitting down, reflection, pairs)

Lineups (moving around, talking, shuffling)