



MASTERCOURSE



THE ART OF QUESTIONING L'ART DE QUESTIONNER

De Heerlijckyt van Elsmeren, Geetbets, Belgium

Saturday, 10th of March 2012 – 9u30 – Sunday, 11th of March
2012, 17u

What is the aim of the question you ask? What answer do you want? Are you satisfied with how the other reacts on your question? Do you formulate your question exactly as you want it to? What question would you like to receive now?

A question seems a trivial everyday phenomenon: Where is the school? How late is my train going?...It's no big deal to ask questions. But asking the right question at the right time to the right person with the right words, it is an art: How many friends do you need? Do you want to be helped? What is the added value of words? Asking them in a good formulated way, accompanied by the necessary communicative skills requires a lot of exercise, a lot of feeling for the 'kairos', the right moment.

Apart from a rhetorical or diplomatic instrument, a question is also an important dialectic instrument. Asking the right questions and disciplining the conversation makes you a leader. With a question, you can influence the thinking and behaviour of the other.

The main targets of the training

1. You are creative in asking questions
2. You are efficient in asking your question: you get what you want
3. You are quick in your responses
4. You can demand accurate and precise formulation
5. You are aware of the nature of the intervention of your interlocutors
7. You can distinguish different types of questions and their effects
8. You practice the Socratic questioning attitude (of not knowing)
9. You can use a question as an eye-opener
10. You can ask the right question with the right words at the right time at the right person
11. You have a sense of the 'appropriateness' of a question or intervention
12. You have insight into the rhetorical aspects of the question
14. You can intensify reflection of the other with your questions
15. You can make the other more responsible for what he says or does with your questions

On Saturday, The targets and the program proposed will be adjusted to what the participants bring in.

Target group

This weekend is something for you if you are :

- Working in education
- Working in fields of practical philosophy (philosophy with children, philosophical consulting, socratic dialogue,...)
- Working as a coach
- Working as a trainer/consultant in companies
- Working in health care
- Working with dialogue and/or reflection in groups
- Interested in sharpening your questioning abilities

The trainers :



Oscar Brenifier is Doctor of Philosophy (University of Paris IV-Sorbonne, Paris) - Trainer – Philosophical Consultant.

For several years in France and abroad, he worked on the concept of "philosophical practice", both practical and theoretical. It is a leading proponent of the philosophy in the city: cafes-philos, philosophy workshops with children and adults, workshops and seminars in business ... He has published extensively in this area, including the collection "PhiloZenfants" (Editions Nathan), which has been published in over twenty-five languages. He co-founded the Institute for Philosophical Practices of which he is President. He is also an author of the UNESCO report "Philosophy: A School of Freedom".

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Kristof Van Rossem is Master in sciences of religion and in philosophy. He is trained in practical philosophy and works for several years as a trainer in practical philosophy and Socratic Dialogue in different organisational settings : companies, schools, social welfare organisations, political parties,

medical federations, governmental organisations,.... He published on various kinds of practical philosophy.

He is teacher trainer in philosophy with children at the University of Leuven (KULeuven) and teaches a.o.philosophy, (business) ethics at the Highschool of Brussels (HUB). He is leading an annual training course in Socratic dialogue facilitation.

www.socraticdialogue.be

Practical aspects

When?

Saturday, 9u : coffee, tea. 9u30 : beginning of the program. Language of the course is English – French –Dutch.

Working time proposed :

<u>Saturday :</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
9u30-12u30 : workshops	9u-12u30 : workshops
Lunch : 12u30 – 13u30	12u30-13u30 : lunch
13u30-17u : workshops	13u30-16u30 : workshops
17u-19u : dinner and networking	17u : reception and closing
20u-22u : workshop	

Where?



We stay at the beautiful Castle of The Heerlijckyt van Elsmeren (see [www. http://heerlijckyt.org](http://heerlijckyt.org))

there will be a carpool from the station of DIEST on Saturday morning. Staying overnight on Friday on is possible. The fee there is 32€/night. If you want that, send an email to Kristof@socratischgesprek.be

How much?

The cost of the weekend in all-in formula is 350 €

We stay in the farm of the castle where we have breakfast and cook evening dinner on our own. We eat lunch in the castle dining room. In the farm, there is a dormitory with 10 beds in 4 rooms.

If you want a single room, you pay an extra fee of 65€ for the night. Please mention this option when you inscribe!

Staying in a tent or a caravan in the garden of the castle is also possible but without reduced price.

There is a maximum of 15 participants so **be fast!**

Information and inscription

By sending an email with your name, address, arrival date and special wishes (vegetarian food f.ex.) to Kristof@socratischgesprek.be .

Inscriptions close at 1 march 2012.