Problem Based Learning

The Aalborg Example: The Visitors Workshop at AAU

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Introduction:
The Aalborg visitors-workshop gives an introduction to the Aalborg PBL model and to problem based and project based learning in general. The outline of the programme is presented below. The presentations are interactive with a lot of room for active participation, so you might say the new programme follows the principle of 'teach as you preach'.

Workshop Learning Outcomes:
- participants to gain a knowledge of PBL as a system and the various elements in the system: problems, projects, courses, learning objectives, assessment, students process skills (PBL-skills), content,
- participants to address critical issues such as: students’ “gap” of knowledge and skills, cooperation among teachers, authority, learning
- participants to develop a dynamic to do list for utilising PBL principles

PBL Principles:
1. Problem orientation
2. Project organization through teams or group work
3. Participant-directed
4. Experiential learning
5. Activity-based learning
6. Interdisciplinary learning
7. Exemplary practice.

Workshop Programme

Day 1
09.00 - Welcome by the head of UNESCO Chair
09.30 - Introduction PBL; Definitions of PBL
  PBL models and learning principles
  The Aalborg Model
10.30 - Project Work and teaching skills
12.00 - Lunch
13.00 - Case studies
14.00 - PBL and first year programme
14:30 - PBL courses for students and Question session with students
16.30 - End of the day

Day 2
09.00 - Visit to departments at the campus
12.00 - Lunch
13.00 - Assessment of study results in a PBL curriculum
14.00 - Question session & issues not covered
15.00 - Summing up and evaluation
15.30 - End of day

Workshop Evaluation Spring 2015

Workshop logistics
N = 14

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Relevance of the programme to your general academic profile | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3.14 |
The level of active involvement during the presentations | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 3.28 |

PBL: Problem Based Learning

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