



Action research

Topics agreed in principle

An attempt to briefly summarise...

Digital communication

- Communication skills are central to the definition of “human literacy”
- Online communication in a data-rich environment is increasing
- To be explored:
 - Impact on development of communication skills
 - Importance of human literacy, incl. inclusivity and diversity
 - the ways in which teachers may need to adapt their practice



Cross-cultural agility

- ability to understand, incorporate, and work within different cultural contexts
- everyone is unique in appearance, beliefs, practices, or thoughts and in his/her interactions
- share ideas and practices (how) to develop our and others' cross-cultural agility



Critical thinking

- analyse ideas skillfully, apply them fruitfully
- deductive reasoning:
 - achieve a mental concept
 - do [mental] experiments, test hypotheses
 - analyse and interpret data
 - draw conclusions
 - allow for and use intuition
- an advantage we [still] have over machines
- [“flag-ship” of / central to higher education]



Ethical principles needed

- consider, but go beyond the state of the art
- good judgement defines HE apart from knowledge, understanding and capabilities
- risk that humanism as ethics gets lost
- complicated situations involving science and technology require ethical awareness
- thus, we all have to be ethicists
- HE teachers have to develop, live and teach ethical values

