

Promoting the Concepts of European Identity and Values in Ukrainian University Students: Insight into the Concepts of European Identity and Values and How to Promote Them among Ukrainian University Students

LESSON 12

***HOW TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND VALUES AMONG PEERS***

Perceptions of Inclusion, well-being and Identification with the European Union in Ukrainian university students



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# In this lesson we will:

- Understand how everyday peer contact shapes European identity
- Explore practical peer-based strategies for promoting values
- Learn ways to foster belonging and engagement in student groups
- Identify small actions tutors can implement immediately



# European Identity Through

## Experience

European identity is shaped not in lectures, but in daily peer interactions:

- Students internalize values by experiencing fairness, dignity, and respect
- Positive peer cultures reinforce trust, collaboration, and inclusion
- Authentic contact models democracy, equality, and solidarity
- Shared small successes build confidence and belonging.

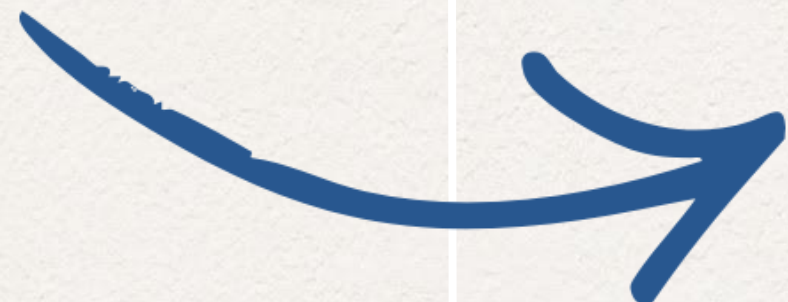


*By fostering supportive peer interactions, tutors help students turn European values into lived experience, strengthening both identity and belonging*



# The Power of Peers

*Peers influence each other more than formal instruction can.*



**Set up structured interactions where everyone's voice is heard.**

**Encourage peer mentoring and collaborative problem-solving.**

**Use reflection tools to make values explicit in daily activities**

**Avoid direct "teaching European identity" — focus on experience-based learning**

## **Tutor's Role: Structures, Not Persuasion**

# Peer-Based Strategies in Action



- Equal-voice discussions: timed turn-taking for fairness and dignity
- Peer reflection cards: prompts like “Where did you experience inclusion today?”
- Value-in-action assignments: students identify real-life examples of fairness or solidarity
- Mini-scenarios: group solves dilemmas involving respect, equality, or rule of law

*Practical methods to embed European values  
in peer interactions.*



*Pick one peer-focused strategy and try it this month.*

## Activity 12.1.

### Design a Turning

#### Point



**1. Facilitate an equal-voice discussion in your seminar.** Pair students for a peer reflection activity



**2. Introduce a mini-scenario problem-solving exercise**



**3. Start a value-in-action sharing session for real-life examples**

*Start small and stay consistent — one structured peer activity, repeated regularly, can gradually transform group culture and strengthen students' sense of European belonging.*



# Thank you

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