

DEVELOPING YOUR OWN PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Use the following prompt questions to help you to formulate your own philosophy of education. These are not comprehensive and are designed to stimulate your thinking on these issues rather than as a scaffold for creating a philosophy.

- How do you define education? What does it mean to you?
- Why is education important?
- What role does (or should) education play in people's lives?
- What is the potential of education? How can it influence people and society?
- How should pupils (and others) be taught?
- Where should learning take place? Should it be organized and if so, how should it be organized?
- Who should design education? Who has responsibility for learning and teaching?

Teachers and other educationalists sometimes publish their philosophies of education on the Internet. If you would like further ideas or to view what others have written, we would suggest that you search for current examples on the web.