

TEACHING SQUARES

EDUCATION & TRAINING FOUNDATION

WEEK	ACTIVITY
Week 1 All Squares kick-off	Meet as group, agree Square partners, ground rules and arrangements for visits.
Week 2 Visit 1 Week 3 Visit 2 Week 4 Visit 3	Organise materials and information needed, carry out visit, note observations and reflections.
Week 5 Reflection and Square share	Review your notes and share positive reflections with Square partner.
Week 6 All Squares review and celebration	All four participants review and share their experience.

Some suggested prompts are given opposite.

Your group may prefer Square partners to share reflections immediately or soon after the visit if this can be timetabled.

SUGGESTED PROMPTS FOR ALL SQUARES REVIEW SESSION

- What did you observe that you might use to make your teaching more effective?
- What have you tried out as a result of your visit(s) and how did your learners respond?
- How did the experience give you a greater appreciation of:
 - your learners?
 - your colleagues?
- What specific things did you like about the Teaching Squares experience?
- Why?
- How could we improve the process?

VARIATIONS

Some teams have adapted the approach to form Teaching Triangles. This can help resolve logistical problems but reduces the range of observations.

REFERENCES

Further details of Teaching Squares can be found at:
<https://taylorinstitute.ucalgary.ca/resources/teaching-squares-observe-and-reflect-teaching-and-learning>

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