

Call for creativity!

Honors education is maybe most effective when we have our students as close as possible: we celebrate community and like direct contact. In this Corona-time we might experience too much distance between students and ourselves. And at the same time: all of us will be creative to shorten this distance, to find ways of binding and bonding, and to (re)connect with our students. Online, in real life at a safe distance, and also: students among each other.

So we wonder: *how are all our honors colleagues doing this?* What is your approach in getting into and keeping contact with students and still doing honors things? How do you stay connected?

That's why we launch this **Call for Creativity** in which we ask you to show us how you work in these circumstances through video.

How it works

We have created a European Honors Council YouTube account to gather the videos, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb1592BTLNUOrOvgCBY1YYQ/> Send or WeTransfer your clip to info@honorscouncil.eu. We will put the videos on our YouTube channel. In addition, we will create a space on our website where we link to videos. See www.honorscouncil.eu/creativity

Aspects of successful video clips:

Basics for a 'good' clip:

1. Keep relating your language to '**honors education**' *in digital times* and how your idea or action relates to that;
2. Keep your message **short** and to-the-point: length max. 3-4 minutes (try for yourself when you get bored);
3. Explain just **one subject** in your clip: it may have several details or 'aspects', but make sure these are clear;
4. Different 'aspects' of your message could also **partition** your clip in shorter sequences;
5. Spoken **word** should be as clear as possible, use short and simple sentences;
6. **Keywords** can be shown in the clip, they may help to underline the message, but too much text distracts (we cannot multi-task!).

And:

- Most up-to-date smartphones have excellent video appearance.
- Sound is very important. Background sound may interfere, test your location in advance.
- Light from one side may look the best, full sunshine may be too much.
- Be inspired by vlogs you like!
- Be critical (but joyful!) about your own work. If you think the result does not give the right message, try again!

Stay healthy! The European Honors Council