

TRAIN LIKE A CHAMPION: KEY TEACHING PRINCIPLES & TIPS FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT & HUMANITARIAN PRACTITIONERS



Background

These 'Train like a Champion'¹ Teaching Principles and Tips for Global Development and Humanitarian Practitioners² have been developed by Chris Piper, the TorqAid³ Director, Lead Consultant, and Senior Facilitator. Chris is a qualified, skilled and experienced teacher, trainer, and facilitator. This material is the basis for a two day 'Train Like a Champion' (TLC) workshop, as well as a three day 'Humanitarian Train Like a Champion' (HTLC) workshop⁴.

Five Teaching Principles

In order to become an effective teacher, trainer or facilitator, individuals ideally need:

- ❖ A high standard of relevant academic, professional and/or technical expertise
- ❖ An understanding of pedagogy and andragogy⁵ principles
- ❖ Good personal and inter-personal attributes and skills
- ❖ Good organisational skills
- ❖ Good facilitation skills

Twelve Teaching Tips

Tip 1	Knowing your subject material well
Tip 2	Being clear on what to teach, and to what level
Tip 3	No substitute for hard work
Tip 4	Planning your lessons carefully
Tip 5	Checking everything beforehand
Tip 6	Understanding the students' backgrounds, names and expectations
Tip 7	Teaching with passion, skill, flair & enjoyment
Tip 8	Setting high standards of discipline. Earning respect
Tip 9	Great variety of teaching techniques
Tip 10	Getting students to talk, share experiences, and gel as a group
Tip 11	Being sensitive and responsive to language and cross-cultural differences
Tip 12	Measuring teaching/learning outcomes

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¹ The inspiration for this name comes from Doug Lemov's book 'Teach like a Champion'

² This article can also be accessed from www.torqaid.com/train-like-a-champion

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⁴ Details of both workshops can be accessed from www.torqaid.com/train-like-a-champion

⁵ Adult learning