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The 4Cs: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity (Susan Gagliano, Europass Teacher Academy)

Long heralded as key competences for 21st-century learners, the "Four Cs" of Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking, are often embraced in theory by educators yet stump in practice. Yet these four categories of soft skills can be intertwined and woven into every aspect of education, providing students with both implicit and explicit experiences that will truly prepare them to be valued employees, partners and members of a community. Creativity and Critical Thinking represent inseparable human abilities necessary for innovation, problem-solving and facing the challenges of our future in ways that AI may not. Communication and Collaboration shape our ability to forge satisfying relationships, establish healthy boundaries, work well in teams, and express ourselves effectively and confidently.

In addition to being sought-after skills in today's workplace, the 4Cs enhance our well-being and interconnection at a moment when our societies need it most. This talk will explore how to gain greater awareness of these skills with practical ways to foster them.