

CREATIVE USE OF FREE TIME TRAINING FOR SMP KOTA YOGYAKARTA TEACHERS IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ERA

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ABSTRACT

This community service is aimed to: a) increase the teacher's understanding about the creative use of free time for the junior high school students in the covid-19 pandemic era, b) increase the teacher's sensitivity and attitude about the creative use of free time for the junior high school students in the covid-19 pandemic era, and c) increase the teacher's skill about the creative use of free time for the junior high school students in the covid-19 pandemic era. The problem solving on the target audience was implemented through training, mentoring, and accompaniment to develop understanding, attitude, and skill of the teacher about the creative use of free time for the junior high school students in covid-19 pandemic era. The activity's methods implemented in this training were: lecture talk, discussion and question and answer, accompaniment, and action plan. The training was conducted on Saturday, 14th of August 2021. The trainees were the public and private junior high school teachers in the Department of Education, Youth, and Sports of Yogyakarta City's environment for 40 people. The event was opened by the head of educators and education personnel, data and information systems department, Ms. Sri Budiarti, S.Et. The training materials delivered were: Free Time: a) Theoretical and Empirical Studies (Prof. Dr. Farida Hanum, M.Si.), b) The Characteristic of Millennial Generation and Z Generation (Dr. Ariefa Efaningrum, M.Si.), c) The Teacher's Creativity in Online/Remote Learning (Prof. Dr. Siti Irene Astuti Dwiningrum, M.Si.), d) The Optimization of Free Time Utilization Based On Informal Education within the Family (Joko Sri Sukardi, M.Si.), dan e) Action Plan in School (Maryani, M.A.). The trainees were enthusiastic and actively participated during the training by proposing many questions and discussions. After the training, the teachers arranged action and practical/implementation plan in school. This training inspired the junior high school teachers to develop innovative and joyful learning, by motivating their students in creative utilization of free time in the online learning era during the covid-19 pandemic.

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