

# Case Studies to Illustrate Psychological Literacy in Action: sharing activities to develop Psychological Literacy across the curriculum

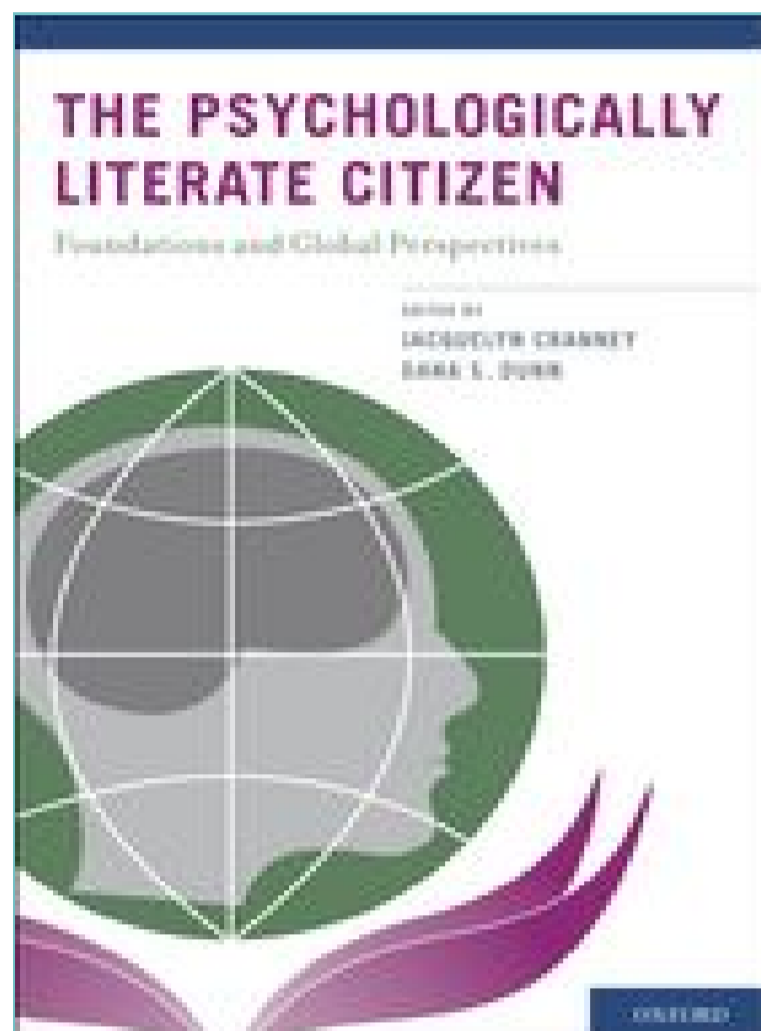
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## The Problem

Many psychology educators keen to embed psychological literacy into curricula  
But few practical resources

## The Solution

Invited case studies from Psychology learning and teaching community  
Collated case studies in a 'Compendium Practice in Psychological Literacy'



"Psychological knowledge / skills are for taking action, helping others and improving lives we lead, not just about facts"

...but how can we design and assess activities?

Case Studies were categorised to allow easy comparison of different approaches for academics and teachers

Psychological Literacy: A Compendium of Practice

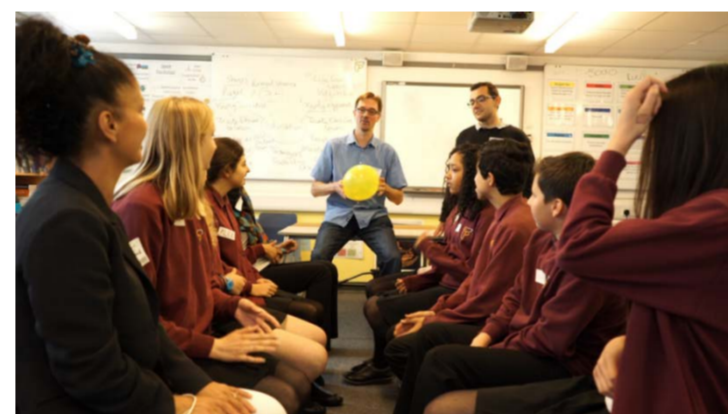


Taylor & Hulme, 2015

Evaluated each case study in terms of the nine psychological attributes identified by McGovern et al. (2010)

Categorised: area of Psychology, level, whether core / optional, activity and assessment strategies

	1. Knowledge of subject matter	2. Evaluate alternative courses	3. Sceptical approach	4. Apply in work, relationships, community	5. Acting ethically	6. Using / evaluating information and technology	7. Communication	8. Diversity	9. Reflection
Brunsdon	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Cachia et al	X	X		X					X
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Elcock & Jones	X		X	X	X	X	X		
Griffin				X	X		X	X	X
Hadlington	X			X					X
Hill		X	X	X			X		
Hughes				X	X		X	X	X
Kent & Skipper	X	X		X		X	X		X
Maunder	X			X			X		X
Mayer et al	X			X	X	X			
Pauli et al	X				X		X		X
Reddy	X			X		X	X		X
Rosenkraz	X				X		X		X
Smith & Morton	X	X	X			X			
Walker	X			X					X
Watt	X		X	X		X			X
Weinberg	X		X	X	X				



Case Study	Level in degree	Psychology Area / Unit	Core / Elective / Voluntary	Activity / Assessment
Brunsdon	6	Mental health	Elective unit	Enquiry-based learning Pecha Kucha presentations
Cachia et al	4, 5, 6	Employability	Core unit	Reflection activities/work experience PDP plan and reflections
Cachia	6	Occupational psychology	Elective unit	Case study for group work Evaluate intervention
Elcock & Jones	4	Psychology in everyday life	Core unit	Written critique of media reports Media article
Griffin	6	Experiential learning	Voluntary activity	Peer mentoring Reflective assignment
Hadlington	6	Employability	Core unit	Volunteering or work based Two reflective portfolios
Hill	6	Occupational psychology	Core unit	Enquiry-based learning Powerpoint presentation
Hughes	6	Experiential learning	Voluntary activity	Volunteering
Kent & Skipper	6	Occupational Psychology	Elective unit	Group work Prepare bid for service contract
Maunder	4	Developmental / Educational Psychology	Core unit	Volunteering Report + group presentation
Mayer et al	End of level 5	Psychological research methods	Voluntary activity	Research apprentice volunteers
Pauli et al	6	Peer-assisted learning	Elective unit	Peer-assisted learning Reflective report + report
Reddy	4, 5, 6	Placement	Elective unit	Placement year Regular logs and poster presentation
Rosenkranz	4, 6	Psychological enquiry	Voluntary activity	Peer mentoring Written reflection
Smith & Morton	6	Social Psychology	Elective unit	Problem based learning Propose intervention
Walker	5	Work, volunteering and applied psychology	Elective unit	Volunteering Demonstration and reflective report
Watt	6	Psychological enquiry	Core unit	Group project Reports for different audiences
Weinberg	6	Occupational Psychology	Elective unit	Problem-based learning Case study and change intervention

### Further Work

- \* We invite you to submit a case study for our new International Compendium
- \* Online survey to assess psychological literacy – students required to complete!

Please email if you can help with either  
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