

# Practical Philosophy

AS AN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ON THE "IN SEARCH  
OF WISDOM" CLUB'S ACTIVITY AT THE FACULTY OF  
PHILOSOPHY OF MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY

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# Practical Philosophy

## FOCUS

- art of questioning
- active listening
- argumentation theory
- creativity
- logical and critical thinking
- public speaking

# Philosophy for Children (P4C)

Children, unlike adults, do not look insistently for answers or conclusions.

*Matthew Lipman*

# “In Search of Wisdom” club’s at the Faculty of Philosophy of Moscow State University

FOCUS: Practical Philosophy for Children

- The project is being implemented on the basis of the Faculty of Philosophy of Moscow State University
- Based on the theoretical and methodological developments of Professor of Moscow State University Larisa Retyunskikh
- Age 8-16
- Classes are held once a week (October – May)
- Number of participants is up to 30 people

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# Research goals

- analyze the core values of P4C that the participants of the philosophy club and their parents identify for themselves
- estimate Soft Skills, developed during Practical Philosophy training
- define whether Practical Philosophy impacts other educational experiences of participating children

# Preliminary results (values)

## Children

- ability to clearly express their thoughts
- capacity to properly argue their point of view
- changing the paradigm of perceiving the situation from emotional to logical and evaluative

## Parents

- child's ability to clearly express their point of view
- feasibility to share common language with their children
- increased the level of child's concentration in the educational process; improved academic performance

# Preliminary results (soft skills)

## Children

- Active listening
- Communication
- Interpersonal skills
- Teamwork skills

## Parents

- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Interpersonal skills
- Attention to detail
- Ability to approach tasks in an unconventional manner

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