

## 2B THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

In this part of the training different aspects of the factors that create a **successful and effective learning environment** will be explored in detail and how these can impact on **improved teaching and learning**.

It is important for teachers to have an understanding of how the different factors are interdependent. It is also good for you to lead this area by example and try out ideas yourself. So for example you could develop your own classroom displays and learning aids or re-organise teaching spaces or try out positive behaviour strategies.

It is important to take things slowly and decide which factors to concentrate on first. Do not try to develop all the factors at once, concentrate on one or two and develop them over a period of time.

(Possible homework to give prior to the first session.)

**HOMEWORK** – complete handout “The Learning Environment”

### Session 1 – What is the Learning Environment?

| Objectives  | Activities   | Resources                 | Outcomes  | Timing |
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| To develop an understanding of the factors that create a <b>Successful and effective Learning Environment</b> | In twos write on post-its factors that contribute to the Learning Environment. LE poster <b>then</b> shown. Post-it's added. Brief discussion.   | Post its<br>LE poster     | Participants to have a clear understanding of all the factors that create an effective Learning Environment   |        |
| To consider how the factors that create a LE contribute to <b>Improved teaching and learning</b>              | Each tutor group to consider all the factors that contribute to the LE.<br>1.How these are addressed in classrooms<br>2.How they contribute to good teaching And learning.<br><br>Feedback – each group to share one factor discussed and how it impacts on teaching and learning. | Prepared response sheets. | Participants to have a greater understanding of all aspects of the LE and have reflected on the LE in their own classrooms and how this impacts on teaching and learning. |        |