



# Lie Detectors

CRITICAL THINKING

## UNDERSTAND AND TEACH CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY: AWARD-WINNING WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS

As online information becomes more complex, educators play a pivotal role in equipping students with essential media literacy skills. Award-winning media literacy organisation Lie Detectors provides journalist-led workshops to support teachers taking up this important task.

Committed to combatting disinformation and online polarisation, Lie Detectors provides journalist-led workshops for educational organisations and higher education institutions across Europe and beyond. We equip teachers with global approaches to teaching media literacy in line with expert pedagogical consensus and EU guidelines. Teachers learn to teach media literacy in a way that is inquiry-led, inclusive, transversal, age-appropriate and engaging for their students. Workshops are led by journalists with extensive teaching experience and, therefore, transmit a unique dual perspective of media and classroom experience.



## WHY MEDIA LITERACY FOR TEACHERS MATTERS

Media literacy is a fundamental skill for educators and students in a rapidly developing information landscape. Teachers, as knowledge facilitators, need to navigate the intricate web of information, critically assess content, and guide students in developing sound media consumption habits. While practical aspects of media production are often covered, the analytical nuances remain a challenge.

## HOW OUR WORKSHOPS WORK

- Journalist-led teacher training sessions are for up to 50 teachers (larger groups on request)
- Average workshop length is 120-minutes. Shorter and multi-day workshops can be arranged
- Online or on-site
- Focus on peer learning and group work
- Encouragement of awareness
- Enabling independent work in own classrooms

## WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE (additional information on page 2)

1. Understand and teach critical media literacy: an interactive introduction to media and fact-checking (120-150 minutes)
2. News Challenge in the Classroom: Practical Use of Lie Detectors student materials (90 minutes)
3. Putting Guidelines into Practice: A media literacy workshop for school leaders and educational authorities (60-90 minutes)

Multi-day workshops are available on request.

## TAILORED FOR TEACHERS

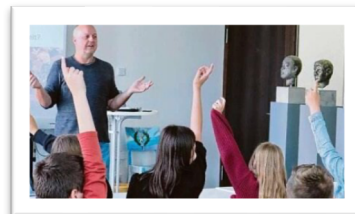
Our programme caters to groups of 20-50 teachers affiliated with schools, districts or educational organisations. The workshop can be extended into a morning or afternoon event, for example as part of a study day. Fees are flexible, with options for free workshops based on your eTwinning affiliation. Your experience matters most. Focused on the unique needs of teachers, our training programme addresses the challenges faced in classrooms, enabling educators to impart critical media literacy skills effectively.

## REQUIREMENTS

- Event space with internet access projector, presenter toolkit
- Hosts required to provide feedback for continuous development
- Lie Detectors is a non-profit organisation. Our fees are dependent on the capacity of our hosts and the likely impact of the hosting venue. For more information contact [info@lie-detectors.org](mailto:info@lie-detectors.org).

## CONNECT WITH LIE DETECTORS

Connect with us to schedule a journalist-led workshop for your institution. Our country teams in Brussels, Berlin, Warsaw and Vienna will help you to meet the media literacy needs of all pre-service and in-service educators, school administrators or department heads. Contact [info@lie-detectors.org](mailto:info@lie-detectors.org)





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*“The session was wonderful. I got new ideas on how to teach my students.”*

School teacher, Apace, Slovenia

## OUR WORKSHOPS IN DETAIL

### **Understand and Teach Critical Media Literacy: an interactive introduction to media and fact-checking**

This workshop introduces teachers to universal approaches teaching critical thinking and digital media literacy, across age groups and subject areas. Teachers learn basics of online disinformation, fact-checking techniques and tools to resist online polarisation. Group work on practical examples facilitates peer learning and subsequent classroom work. At the end of the workshop, teachers will be equipped to discuss critical thinking in a digital media world with their classrooms. Moderated by professional journalists, this workshop includes insights into practical fact-checking experience. Discover how to integrate media literacy into your teaching, using engaging, accessible approaches, and access classroom-ready resources from Lie Detectors and affiliates. Join this workshop to empower your students with the skills to critically evaluate information, recognise and challenge disinformation. Target group: Upper-primary and secondary-school teachers from all subject areas.

### **News Challenges in the Classroom: Practical Use of Lie Detectors student materials**

Did the shark swim on the highway? Was Trump born in Pakistan? How old is the oldest living person? This workshop showcases how teachers can use playful and accessible real-life stories to explore critical media literacy and fact-checking with their students, across age groups and subject areas. Participants work with classroom "News Challenges" developed by award-winning media literacy organisation Lie

Detectors (an eTwinning Supportive Partner). These News Challenges are aimed at students aged 10 to 15, enabling them to independently evaluate information and distinguish between facts, misinformation and disinformation and understanding how media works and news agendas are constructed. Workshop participants learn how to use the practical exercises and solutions sheets to ensure students learn important skills such as fact-checking, source verification and searching for images on the internet, which they use to strengthen their news literacy and tackle challenges around online disinformation and polarisation. We recommend this workshop either as a follow-up on our interactive introduction into media-literacy basics, or as a stand-alone for teachers with experience in teaching media literacy. Target group: Upper-primary and secondary-school teachers from all subject areas.

### **About Lie Detectors**

Lie Detectors is an independent, award-winning media literacy organisation that partners with professional journalists to empower children and teachers to navigate the digital information landscape critically and safely. We achieve this by equipping school communities with the skills to fact-check online content and understand the principles of professional journalism. In addition to our classroom visits, offered in six countries or online and available in English, German, Polish, and French, Lie Detectors also conducts workshops for pre-service and in-service teachers. These practical, hands-on workshops are ideal for group settings and well-suited for project or study days. Multi-day and KA1 workshops are also available. For more information, please contact us at [info@lie-detectors.org](mailto:info@lie-detectors.org).

*“This encouragement for children to research freely – it’s fantastic.”*

School teacher, Molenbeek-Saint-Jean, Belgium

*“Their parents say they love we’re doing this. They say it’s important their children get these tools.”*

School teacher, Berlin, Germany