A scaffolded conversation with a beginning teacher

Before your conversation:

Print 2 copies of the bicycle image over the page, one for your Beginning Teacher (Provisionally Registered Teacher) and one for yourself.

The image will provide a stimulus for both of you to consider how you are feeling as either a mentor or a PRT, as the year begins.

Individually think about how you will respond to the following prompt—essentially you will be beginning in each other’s lifeworlds.

Please take some notes to document your chat, which you will share with colleagues at the workshop.

If aspects of this photograph represent how you are feeling now, at the start of this year, identify which ones and explain how they reflect your feelings.

Our conversation:

1. Share our responses to the above prompt…

2. What do our responses say about how we are feeling about this year? Similarities? Differences? What might that mean?

3. What are you most excited about?

4. What are two things that are challenging you at the moment that you would like to work on with me?

5. What are some things that I should really know about you and how you prefer to work to make sure we get the most out of our partnership?

6. In what ways will our Learning partnership be good for our students?