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Be clear in your event listings about what your students need to be proficient in or bring for the event.

For example, if you are teaching advanced guitar soloing you probably already need your students to be good guitar players. So just make sure you mention it clearly in your write up for the event page.

Find out what your student wants to learn

Your lesson has to be geared to what the student wants to learn, if not you will lose their interest very easily. Therefore, be clear on who your students are and what they want to learn.

Plan a syllabus for at least X weeks

Have a rough idea what might want to teach them and give them an how long it will take to reach the stage to reach their desired goal.

Give them as much as insight as possible on the subject matter so they can decide on the syllabus

Sometimes, student may have a different understanding of a particular subject from what is right. Therefore you need to give them a brief overview about the subject before you can actually find out how much they want to learn.

Be clear and upfront with learners about duration of course

Do tell your students about how long it might take for them to reach a level of proficiency that they are striving for. Excitement tends to get the better of students at times.

Come prepared

Your students are hungry for knowledge so come prepared. Don't be complacent, they will be asking you questions which will challenge the way you understanding and it is your job to make it easy for them to understand what you are saying.

Use different resources and teaching methods

Always keep your teaching methods fresh by using different means. A particular Hindi guide would use Hindi songs to teach grammar.

Don't be afraid to give homework

If you feel a particular piece of work is critical to understanding and needs to be done at home, don't be afraid to give it as homework. But don't overdo it either.

Get their contact details

This is important for you to keep in touch with them about the next lesson if it is not being published under Plato's Cave.

Be clear about any costs (if any) involved:

We don't expect guides to charge for published events on PC (the arrangements after that are however, not our concern). However, if there are costs that need to be covered such as hiring the location (for example: a yoga studio) do mention it in the event description.

If any courses continue after Plato's Cave stops publishing them, it is a personal arrangement between you and the learner:

Most Spelunkers are encouraged to continue with their learning even though Plato's Cave has stopped publishing the event. Whatever the arrangement between the guide and learner for such events, Plato's Cave bears no responsibility for it. We will never charge a fee for the guide's effort for an event published by Plato's Cave.

If you want to keep your class open to newcomers, you can renew your events via our "renew your events" page.

So you've had your first lesson and you think you can do with one or two more students and you want to publish your second event to get the word out and get people to come to your class. All you have to do is click on Renew your events. Fill up the form and your event will be published.

Try to keep your classes consistent

Try to keep having your classes on a weekly or a once in two weeks basis. This is important as it keeps the momentum of learning up. If you give too much of a break your students might

Try to keep in touch with your students during the week

Take down their details and start a Facebook grp, use a blog or even Whatsapp to keep in touch with them during the week. You can even upload your notes to the content repository and get them to download it from there.