

**UPAYA PENINGKATAN KOMUNIKASI INTERPERSONAL MELALUI DISKUSI KELOMPOK
PADA SISWA KELAS XI DI SMK NEGERI 1 DEPOK, SLEMAN, YOGYAKARTA**

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This study aims to determine whether there is an improvement in student interpersonal communication through group discussion on student grade XI SMK Negeri 1 Depok, Sleman, Yogyakarta.

The research method used in this study was Class Action Research. The design of this action research uses *Kemmis Mc Taggart* which is formed as spiral rotation. The method in data collecting is the scale of interpersonal communication, observation and interview guidelines. Data technical analysts use the quantitative and qualitative descriptive data. The subjects were Grade XI PM 1. The criteria in making subjects are students who have difficulty to be an extrovert, who having a low confidence level, less able to appreciate others and easily influenced by people.

The results indicated that the discussion group can improve student interpersonal communication. Before they involved into action group discussion, namely *buzz group discussions* (small group discussion) the student's Interpersonal communication is in the mild categories by the average percentage of 63.55%. Once given the action group discussion, *post test* results on a percentage increased but interpersonal communication students are still in the mild categories, average percentage for about 69.86%. The second act of giving information modified with a question that was designed in the form of the game, it also modified with audio-visual media and leaflets media. The *post test II* results shows that the value of the percentage increases and student interpersonal communication are in good categories with an average percentage of 78.34%. The observations result show that the first act, 8 students giving responses, 16 students still said nothing. The second action, 75% of students participate actively in group discussions, both in providing response, make conclusions and consider the information provided by the teacher. The interviews result showed that students feel happy to follow the group discussion activities. Based on the *post test II*, the observation and interviews result can be concluded that the discussion group in the form of *Buzz Group Discussion* is able to improve interpersonal communication for student grade XI PM 1 of SMK.

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