

# Philosophy GALS



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In a typical classroom, there are students and teachers.



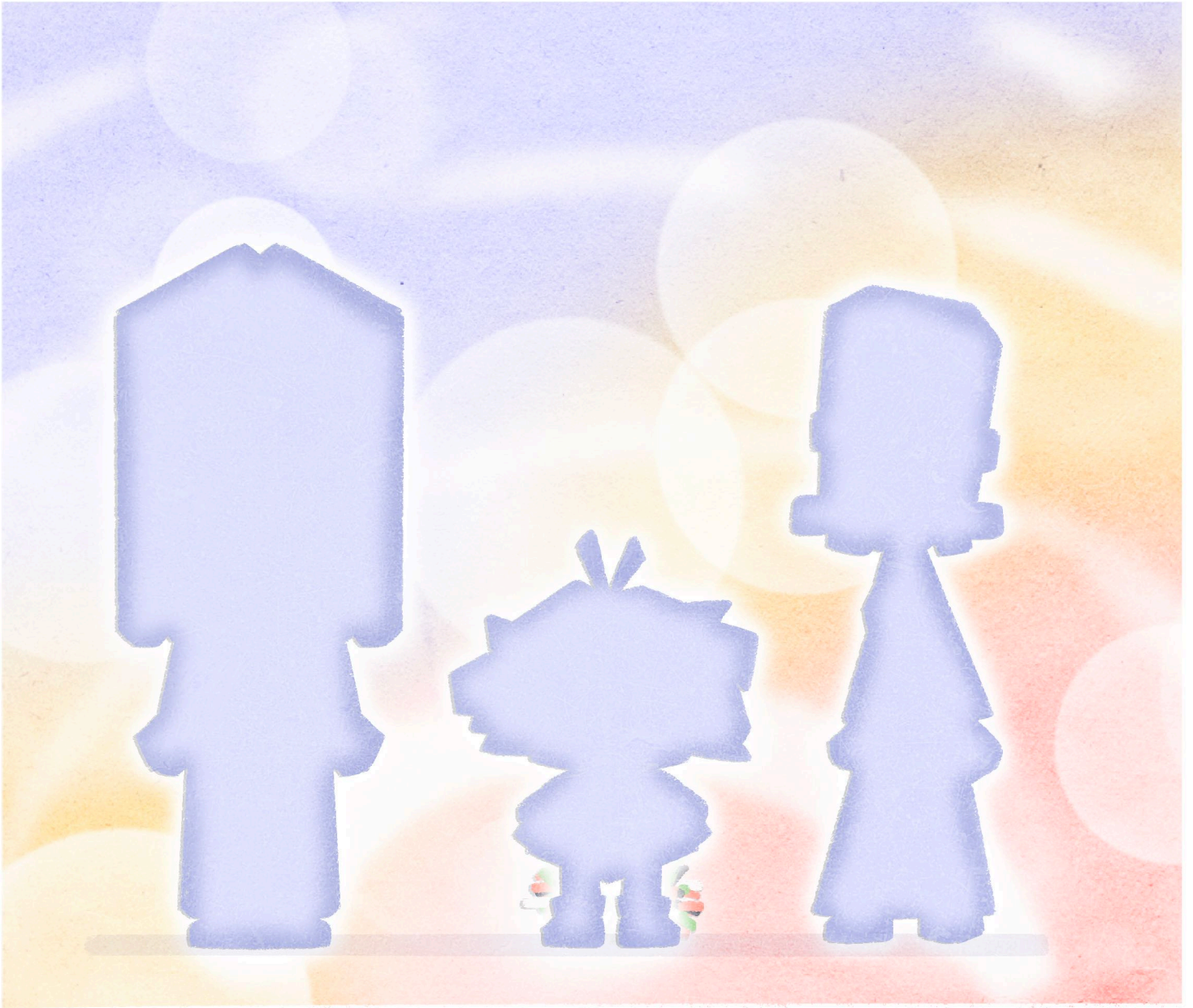
For many, it might seem hard to imagine a classroom with anything more than that.



However, in [p4c](#), we also have the *Philosopher in Residence*. Where do they fit in?



Luckily, we don't have to scratch our heads for very long because we have some friends who can help—




the **Philosophy GALs**: **G**uide, **A**nchor, and **L**iaison!  
They embody key ideas about what it is that the  
*Philosopher in Residence* does.



**Guide** might seem like a teacher at first, but you'll find that she is actually quite different.





# Community ball:

- only ball holder speaks
- you can invite
- you can pass



She is the one who introduces the rules and routines.



She also tries to find ways to dive deeper even when things seem simple.



One way she does this is by inviting the students to share their wonders by sharing some of her own.



**Anchor** is gentle, but strong and assertive too.



When two students are having their own side conversation...

popaat!



...she gently reminds them with a simple **POPAAT**.

(Please one person at a time)



Or, when the discussion seems to be dragging in a new community...



...Anchor might suggest to LMO.  
(Let's move on)





Liaison is the quietest of the three.



She doesn't say very much, but she is certainly listening.



A new community is a new experience, so [Liaison](#) helps by giving everyone a chance to share.



By serving as an example for the community, their skills eventually become the community's as well.



However, at the same time, they might also learn a thing or two from the community!



They help us to see that we are all **GALs!**

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