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RESULTS

VALUATION OF WORKSHOPS / MEETINGS

UNITY IN DIVERSITY:

Living, Learning and Working in a Diverse Society

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Mood Number of Workshops and meetings (47 answers)

- 10th/11th of Deceber 2011
- 26th/27th of April 2012
- 25th/26th of October 2012
- 11th/12th of April 2013

		I learned in the workshop/meeting?			
		a lot	enough	not so much	nothing
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Selected opinions of participants

“This experience was very positive and I learned that is very important respect everyone, all people should have the same opportunities without pay attention the culture, the sex, the race, the ethnics. We should learn about other people, them culture, their different forms to think, to live. This is our world and we should to care and respect us between everyone.”

“The communication is the base to have a nice understanding. There are many diverse people and all of us have to respect this.”

“I have learned many things as different diverse people are in the world. I’m happy to know what projects are going in Europe about this problems, and it’s a pleasure to be involved in.

This meeting reminds me what effects I have to do to understand other people. I think this initiative start in ourselves and all areas, so I just started.”

“All the presentations by different institutions help to clarify ideas of the project and give ideas to transfer, perfect atmosphere and relation among the partners, the coordinator of the project leads us perfectly”

“well organized, many interesting and new perspectives regional characteristics in the EU”

“I learnt about:

- Dundee Quality and Equality of learning and teaching
- How Dundee integrate people. How do the deal with discrimination, diversity and Equality
- The promotional events, exhibitions (internationals) they organize to integrate people
- I learnt what Dundee City Council do for future
- The respect campaign Dundee do
- We made a questionnaire about respect campaign which made me think about new aspects about Respect
- I visit the women centre of Dundee and it was very interesting how this organization helps women and how the work”

“We are delighted to have been chosen to participate in this project. All of us were selected for different reasons and because WE ARE DIVERSE”.

HAROLDAS B.: I am from Lithuania and I explained in the meeting my experience as a student who came to Spain from another country and the difficulties I had found till I adapted to this country. Such as: Language, food, weather. But little by little I was adapting and I am quite happy in this country. I think that this project is very important; as we are living in a diverse society and a lot of people have to move from their country to other countries for economical situations and it is quite hard sometimes to adapt to the new country. The language is almost the handicap we found and we need some help. The respect and the tolerance is the first thing that we need from the people, we need to feel comfortable in the host country and sometimes it is not easy. I can see that this project is worry about diversity and they are working so hard in helping people to live in a better world.

LUIS MIGUEL B.: I come from Colombia (Medellin). In this project, I had the opportunity to tell my experience as a Colombian living in a different Country. As I student, I could tell how the education system host me and gave me opportunities to improve as a person. In DECROLY, I studied Tourism and Marketing and then, I could get an Erasmus grant for placement in a Hotel in Malta for three months, which it was a very important experience for me. There I could meet people from different countries, different religious and different education systems. What I could appreciate in this project is the interest for all the partners in finding out ways of join cultures with RESPECT and Tolerance. They want to avoid discrimination for being diverse and this is very important for all of us. I learnt that Gender, age, race, ethnicity, native language, religion, class, or disability should not limit students' educational and vocational options and these groups of partners are working on it.

JANA D.: I am Spanish, but I consider myself diverse, because I integrate in the Education system from the "Uncommon way". Also I combine my studies with a part-time job, which is not very easy. I was living in London for nine months as well, as I realized that I had to learn English to have a better job. There I have so many experiences. I learnt a lot in this project. First of all, I could feel that we were considered as a part of the partners and not just some students who were with the teachers. We were integrated as a part of the project; we were participating in all the activities of the project as members of the partnership. So, this was INTEGRATION in the project, the best example of it. All of us, we would like to say thank you for considering us, and for inviting us to take part into this interesting project.

"The Outcome of our meeting at DECROLY, SL, Santander, Spain, culminated for me in five points:

1. There is an great interest but not enough knowledge and understanding in narrativation in educational institutes. Especially to cope with problems deriving from diversity approaches narrativation is an unusual but effective way.
2. To have a bigger impact, an easier dissemination and a more "real picture" of the complexity of conditions to encourage diversity in educational practice the StoryWay-Concept, summaring Storytriggering (aiming clients, patients, students, staff, colleagues, to tell certain types of stories), Storylistening (gain the attention of clients through active listening and identify important information for your work with clients), Storytelling (make it easier for your clients to facilitate and processing the memories of important events, figures, data and facts using storytelling techniques) and Storychanging (Sustainable success can be achieved if the change of circumstances is completed by the change of behavior. Behavior can be changed by changing the stories clients used to tell about themselves.)
3. Our Spanish and Scottish colleagues have mostly the same problems with their pupils, so their concepts and good practice are useful for everyone.
4. One difference in Spain and Scotland to Germany is, that diversity ist not primarily a language problem. Because many (maybe most) immigrants are from Latin America or, to speak about the Scottish situation, from english speaking countries, there are no or low language barriers. Diversity may concentrate more of cultural and knowledge-aspects. In Germany, language is the key factor of diversity especially with migrants.

5. Diversity in disabilities or traditions can both achieved in all countries by similar actions. One of this actions are the storyway-concept. Usually the hope was, that a logically correct, mathematic-wise language and conversation would be an kind of "lingua franca" but the opposite happens. People need stories to express their identity, to change their (his)stories and last but not least, having fun, joy, delight and desire learning new ways of living and thinking.

Living, learning and working in a diverse society means to accept all the different stories people tell about themselves to express their identity and to retell the stories as stories of unification in difference, as stories of learning from each other."

"Our meeting in Santander opened my mind concerning diversity and dealing with diversity in different European regions. Although there are region-specific challenges coming along with integration and diversity, there are common solutions for a better understanding of each other. Language is one of the key competences that helps to settle in a new country. But besides that, it is so much more, that needs to be fostered. An open minded society is built up through a better understanding of each other and more cultural tolerance. That gives integration a wider meaning. Integration is about developing a new society together with all the people with diverse backgrounds and not about making somebody fit into another country."