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Council of Europe & the European Wergeland Centre

Democratic Governance of Schools

Draft Programme

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16-20 November 2009

Venue

Thon Hotel Slottsparken, Wergelandsveien 5, 0166 OSLO, NORWAY

Context

The Action Plan of the Third Summit of Heads of States and Governments of the Council of Europe commits to enhancing all opportunities for the training of educators, in the fields of education for democratic citizenship, human rights, history and intercultural education. The European seminars in cooperation with the European Wergeland Centre complement the existing activities of the Council of Europe for the training of education professionals. They all contribute to building a more humane and inclusive Europe through action in education.

The Pestalozzi Programme offers teacher training seminars in cooperation with the European Wergeland Centre. In 2009 two such seminars will take place in autumn.

Focus of the training activity

This training seminar will focus on how to promote a democratic culture in and throughout school. The manual developed by the Council of Europe will be used to see how to assess the current state of democratic culture and governance in the school and how to go about further developing and improving it. While the role of the school head is crucial, democratic culture and governance needs the active contribution of all concerned: pupils, teachers, parents and other community actors.

The participants will share and exchange their concrete practices and work together to find ways of enhancing these practices.

Expected results

After the seminar the participants will be better equipped to

- assess the state of their school's democratic culture
- identify appropriate actions to further develop democracy and to implement change
- understand similarities and differences in school governance across Europe
- establish beneficial cooperation and exchange in a Pestalozzi network of school heads

Working language

English

Monday 16 November 2009 – “Meeting day”

All day	Arrival of participants	
9.30am–4 pm	Preparatory meeting of the team of facilitators and the organisers	
6 -7 pm	Informal get together at The European Wergeland Centre	
8 pm	Dinner at the hotel	

Tuesday 17 November 2009 – “Comparing roles and tools”

9.00am–9.45am	Official opening and welcome	Plenary
	Ana Perona, Executive Director of the European Wergeland Centre	
	Josef Huber, Head of the Pestalozzi Programme of the Council of Europe	
	Benedetto Maffezzini, leader of the team of facilitators	
	Ulrike Wolff-Jontofsohn and Arthur Ivatts, facilitators	
9.45am – 10.30 am	Self-presentation of participants	Plenary
10.30am – 11.00m	Coffee break	
11.00am–12.30am	Ice-breaking activity Group activity Discussion Expectations	Plenary and Groups
12.30am – 2 pm	Lunch time	
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Role of a headmaster (Professional profile; Responsibilities; Main concerns; Need for change)	Plenary and Groups
4.00pm–4.30pm	Coffee break	
4.30pm- 6.30pm	Case studies	Groups
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm	Summing-up and evaluation of the day guided by the facilitators	Plenary
8.00 pm	Dinner at the hotel	

Wednesday 18 November 2009 – “Assessment day”

9 am – 9.30 am	What is democratic school governance? What are the benefits of democratic school governance?	Plenary
9.30am-10.30 am	Assessing the state of your school’s democratic culture Using the Manual	Plenary and Groups
10.30am – 11.00m	Coffee break	
11.00am-12.30am	Group work to be continued Reflections on the outcomes followed by an open discussion on obstacles to change and proposals for further development	Plenary
12.30am or 1p.m. – 2 pm	Lunch time	
2.30 pm – 6.30	Study visit and extra curricular organized by Wergeland Centre – tba	
8.30 pm	Dinner at the hotel	

Thursday 19 November 2009 – “Key areas day”

9.00 am-10.30 am	Leadership, management and public accountability	Plenary and Groups
10.30am – 11.00m	Coffee break	
11.00am-12.30am	Continued Activities	Plenary and Groups
12.30am – 2 pm	Lunch time	
2.00pm-4.000pm	Student discipline Case studies	Plenary and Groups
4.00pm–4.30pm	Coffee break	
4.30pm-6.30pm	Values, co-operation and involvement International approaches and examples to make schools more democratic spaces Open discussion	Plenary and Groups
6.30pm-7.00p.m	Summing-up and evaluation of the day guided by the facilitators	
8 pm	Dinner at a restaurant - tba	

Friday 20 November 2009 – “Steps for change day”

9am- 9.15am	Introduction by facilitators	
9.15am-10.30am	Planning next steps by using the Planning grid	Groups
10.30am – 11.00m	Coffee break	
11.00-11.45	Presentation of action plans	Plenary
11.45-12.30	General reflections on the Seminar Evaluation	
12.30 – 1.00 pm	Delivery of certificates Greetings	
1.00p.m.	Lunch	