

The European Wergeland Centre (EWC) is a European resource centre on *education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship*. It is the result of an innovative cooperation between Norway and the Council of Europe (CoE), and is open to all the 47 CoE member states.

The mission of the EWC is to build bridges between policy, research and practice. The EWC offers capacity building activities, disseminates resources and organizes seminars and conferences for practitioners, trainers, researchers, policy-makers and the public at large.

EWC activities and services, based on the shared values of the Council of Europe and Norway, are free of charge and available for all.

The EWC is governed by a Board composed of representatives from the Council of Europe and Norway. The EWC is located in Oslo, Norway, and the working language is English.



Henrik Wergeland (1808-1845) was a Norwegian romantic poet and important historian. He was an advocate for democracy and equality, and an eager defender of freedom of faith and freedom of expression.

Librography by Alfred Rosenlund, 1881, The National Library of Norway.

The EWC offers capacity building activities with a blended learning approach that features online and face-to-face trainings and workshops:

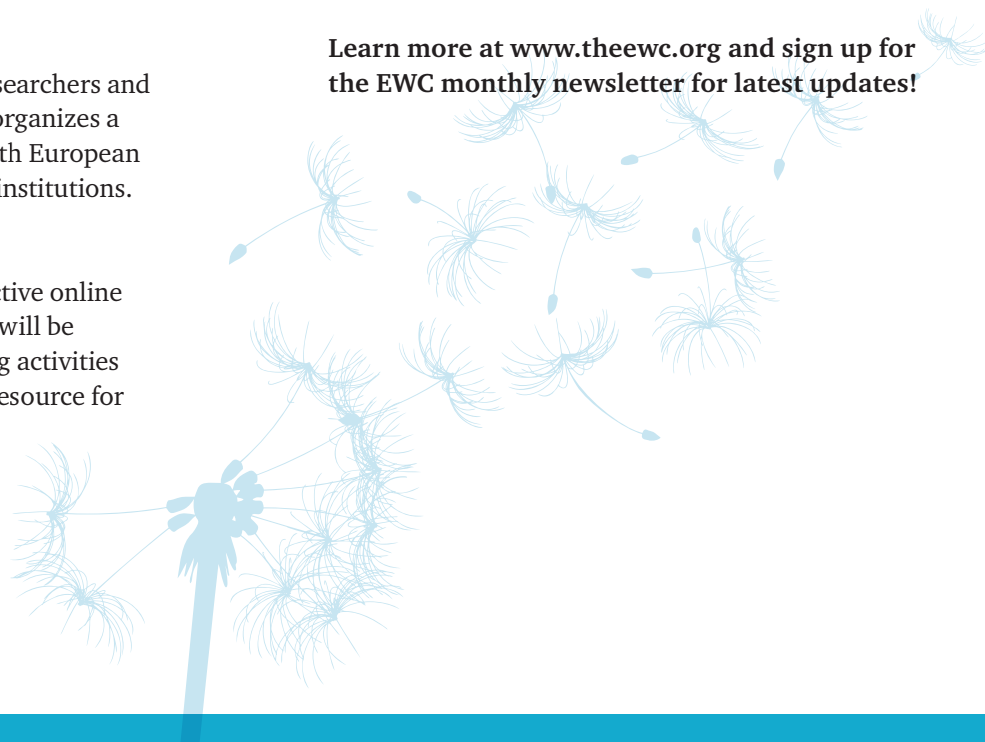
- **Summer Academy:**
The Summer Academy: Democracy at School offers training for teams of head teachers, teachers and NGO/parents' representatives. It is organized in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education, Polish Centre for Education Development and the Council of Europe.
- **EWC – CoE Pestalozzi seminars and workshops:**
In partnership with the Council of Europe Pestalozzi Programme, the EWC organizes seminars and workshops for teacher trainers, teachers and other educators from Europe and beyond.
- **Educators' Consultations:**
To encourage dialogue among researchers and practitioners, the EWC annually organizes a series of events in cooperation with European universities and teacher training institutions.
- **Interactive glossary project:**
The EWC is developing an interactive online glossary in the field. The content will be generated in peer-to-peer learning activities and the glossary itself shall be a resource for interactive learning processes.

The EWC disseminates resource materials, good practices and project outcomes:

- **Comprehensive online library:**
The EWC website contains a library with free access to research projects and results, teaching tools, literature, online journals, conference papers, CoE steering documents, and more.

The library contains resources in several languages. It provides a short description of each entry as well as relevant links.
- **Researchers' statements:**
To highlight recent and ongoing research activities, scholars and other education professionals regularly publish their views on current research outcomes and scholarly debates on the EWC website.

Learn more at www.theewc.org and sign up for the EWC monthly newsletter for latest updates!



The EWC facilitates interaction, dialogue and exchange through customized online sites for networking:

- **share connect** **The EWC Database:** Share & Connect is a database for researchers, PhD students, teacher trainers, teachers and others working in the field. It aims at connecting people in Europe and beyond, by offering the opportunity to create their own professional profile, to search for professionals and expertise, as well as facilitating cooperation and sharing of information and experience.

The EWC Database is open to all and available at www.theewc.org

- **Community of Practice:** In partnership with the CoE - Pestalozzi Programme, the EWC is developing an online community of practice for education professionals in the field. The site gives members an opportunity to work in closed groups while also being part of a larger community of peers. As an online social network and project management tool, it provides participants with the means to communicate, work, cooperate and find expertise and resources within and across existing networks.

The site is scheduled for implementation late 2011.

The EWC facilitates interaction, dialogue and exchange through conferences and seminars:

2011

Educators' Consultations on the International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS):

2 May: Vienna/Austria, in cooperation with the University of Vienna and Polis/The Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools

4 May: Innsbruck/Austria, in cooperation with the University of Innsbruck and Polis/The Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools

27-29 June: *Reimagining Democratic Societies*, Oslo/Norway, in cooperation with the CoE, University of Oslo and the US Steering Committee of the International Consortium for Higher Education, Civic Responsibility and Democracy

9-16 July: *Summer Academy: Democracy at School*, Warsaw/Poland, in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education, Centre for Education Development and the CoE

19-23 September: *From Division to Diversity – Educational Challenges related to Past and Present*, EWC - CoE Pestalozzi workshop, Falstad/Norway, in cooperation with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology and the Falstad Center

More events to come!

For updated information on the EWC activities and services, please visit www.theewc.org



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