



New European project: "Starting early to make life better for children with special needs"

Särskolan and the Cultural School in Luleå has started a European project to improve the conditions of life for pupils with disabilities and to develop inclusion and participation in the society.

The project started in November 2007 in Denizli, Turkey, where representatives met from Turkey, Latvia, Roumania, Bulgaria, Portugal, Italy and Sweden.

This is a Comenius Project where the participating countries exchange rehabilitation knowledge and share experiences.

The project is going on during the years 2007-2009.

In spring 2008 Luleå is host of the project meeting. Headmaster Lena Martinsson is responsible for the project and music teacher Ingrid Vikman is coordinator.

The concrete aims of our partnership, established in order to improve the opportunity of rehabilitation of children with special educational needs and to increase the possibility of integrating them into the society, thus enabling a more productive, satisfying life, are:

- To contribute to inclusion of pupils with special rights
- To understand other countries educational and special educational system in order to introduce a European dimension in our rehabilitation process;
- To collate and analyse the assessment and evaluation instruments used in every country to diagnose the children with mental deficiency and associated disabilities;
- To learn from each school and experience new therapeutic methods specific to the rehabilitation of children with special educational needs;
- To enlarge theoretical and practical data base of assessment and evaluation instrument and therapeutic methods;
- To improve the implementation of the differentiated and revised curriculum for pupils integrated in mainstream schools;
- To facilitate pupil's from partners countries interaction through cultural or sport competitions;
- To improve English language and new technology skills of partnership members.

During project meetings, study visits and teacher exchange we will share good experiences through theoretical review and practical demonstrations.

From the Swedish starting point we will specially focus on

- Communication training
- Inclusion and attitude towards inclusion
- Expressive arts like theatre and music

Please take contact with us!

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