



Finding my Voice – Democracy in Action

First meeting held in Slovenia 14. – 18. October 2010

Attendants:

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England: Karen Shore, Karen Green, Amy Burnett

Ireland: Imelda McDonagh, Brenda

Minutes:

Friday, Oct 14:

1. Presentation of participants and respective schools.

All attendants made a brief description of their schools and their responsibilities and tasks at school as presentation.

2. Activity Plan.

2.1. Activity Calendar.

Ending November 2010:

1. The eTwinning portal will be set up for students to meet and present themselves. Upton Hall School (ENG) will be in charge of supervising eTwinning activities.
2. Students will interview members of student's council and put the interviews on webpage. Those works can be carried out in different ways and be focused in extra-curricular or social activities, election systems, gender differences...etc.
3. A website will be used in the project to hold the final projects from each school. Verzlunarskóli Íslands (ICE) will be in charge of this website setting up and maintenance.



January 2011:

1. Students will interview some local politicians. Summaries to be put on webpage.

February 2011:

1. Upton Hall School (ENG) and St. Mary's College (IRL) will hold the second meeting of partners. This meeting will include students. See subject "6.Meetings" to know the foreseen agenda.

March 2011:

1. Students will write texts about their own parliament or councils for the booklet and DVD. Coleguil Henri Coanda (RO) will be in charge of the DVD production.
2. Students' pictures from meeting in England and Ireland will be uploaded on the website.

April 2011:

1. A booklet and a DVD will be created with information gathered by students about the constitution in their own country. Coleguil Henri Coanda (RO) will be in charge of the DVD production and Gimnazija Tolmin (SLO) of the boocket in eTwinning.
3. **How has the project been disseminated up to now?**
All partners agree on the way the project is being disseminated. First , among staff and students, then, among local institutions.
4. **Products.**
 1. Every partner agrees that a logo must be designed as image of the project. This logo will be placed besides the Comenius logo in all documentation.
 2. Imelda and Nati will ask students to design the logo and participants in project will then choose the logo they want.
 3. The deadline to have a new logo is fixed in 15 days from end of meeting.
5. **Responsibilities.**
Everyone agrees to maintain the responsibilities defined in the application.
6. **Meetings.**
Partners discussed about two main topics: agenda for next meetings and maximum number of persons to participate.
 1. Agenda.

February 2011:



1. Upton Hall (ENG) and St. Mary's College (IRL) will hold the second meeting of partners. This meeting will include students. At least one meeting will be held in England and one in Ireland.

2. Meeting agenda:

Mon 28th February: Arrival to Liverpool.

Tue 1st March: Starting meetings.

Wed 2nd March: London.

Thru 3rd March: Meetings.

Fri 4th March: Flight Ryanair FR445 from Liverpool to Dublin at 11:05 hours.

Sat 5th March: Departure from Dublin to home places.

April 2011:

Verzlunarskoli Islands (ICE) will host the third meeting of partners. This meeting is foreseen from 7th to 11th April.

Actually there is no defined agenda for this meeting.

Maximum number of persons to participate in meetings.

Partners agreed on the following:

There is no general limit for teachers to participate in meetings. The limit is fixed by each partner based on its budget.

The maximum number of students allowed to participate in each meeting will be 3.

The accompanying students will stay with the families of the host students. In any case students under 18 must be permanently under the control of an adult person.

7. eTwinning.

All partners agree on the plan defined for eTwinning. José Conde (Spain) will set up the project.

8. Introduction of students.

Partners will define some guidelines that students have to talk about in their introductions. Some topics in these guidelines are:

Family.

Friends.

School.

Hobbies.

Reasons to participate in the Comenius program.



Saturday, October 15

1. Democracy on a personal level – How do we tackle that?

Democracy in school environment.

Outcome: Is there democracy in electing leaders?

Equality: boys & girls.

What do you have to do to give speeches, talking...

What types of people are good to become a politician?

They can do it in class: Nominate 4 student. They have a speech and there is an election.

Different election system in each country:

-Every student has the right to be elected.

-Are the students happy with this system?

-Is it prestigious to become a sport, art, musical council?

2. What incentives do students need to want to actively take part in the project?

Some ideas were discussed:

- Work in class: students give ideas.
- Student can do a questionnaire.
- Not to limit the students with any predefined forms or guidelines.
- To use *Facebook* website as forum of discussion among students.

3. Planning for February 2011.

Upton Hall (ENG) and St. Mary's College (IRL) will host the second meeting of partners.

See subject "6. Meetings" from "Minutes report 14th" October for more information.

4. Project's dictionary.

Partners started to write the dictionary in every language of the countries participants.

5. Next meetings.

- Partners agreed as general procedure that the host partner will cover the costs of all transports required for activities organized in their country. This responsibility excludes transports between hotel-airport and accommodation fees.



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- Each country has 24 mobilities but we can do more (teachers). Students have to be hosted and we have to take the same number of students.
 - The coordinator of each country has to be in each meeting and decide who is coming to the mobilities.