Drops in the Ocean

Scientific and Culture project aimed at fostering on-the-field pedagogical innovation

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The *Gocce nel Mare (your Drop in the Ocean)* project is aimed at contributing to the global effort supported by many authoritative institutions, to outline the horizon of more effective future educational system. Our undertaking is bringing to light and spreading both experiences and those widely shared principles underlying the action of people involved in love based education

In recent years, the world has witnessed a growing wave of local initiatives in support of public schools. Teachers, cultural associations and civil society have been playing an active part in grassroots experiments aimed at helping schools in the creative elaboration of new educational methods, also exploiting information technologies.

Here answers are coming from those directly faced with educational issues, in contrast with the more common top-down reforms, where experts’ committees draw up didactic experimentation plans to be put forward to willing teachers. Experiments like that are often very effective but, unfortunately, they rarely get known beyond the immediate sphere of their promoters. Moreover, they tend to be short-lived because promoters don't have the strength to sustain them and a suitable supporting network is lacking.
They are like drops in the ocean: they apparently cannot change the entire educational system.
But the ocean of whole human community could be flooded by many such contained experiments that would transform it, if the most meaningful of them could be fostered, spread and developed.
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