



First Commitment School – Project and Development

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Commitment in general is the promise to support human beings, institutions or initiatives. It is related to the personal concerns and interests of an individual as well as the concerns of other members of a community or the society as a whole. Being responsible for the education of pupils we are implementing the idea of commitment at several levels in our schools: management, partners and sponsors, teachers, parents, growing children and adolescents. The aim is to create the first commitment school in Europe and to combine it with existing initiatives for social responsibility.

Our challenges are: First, to focus on the individual perspective in relation to the social perspective. Secondly, to identify school related initiatives throughout Europe or Asia. And thirdly, to find relevant partners for the transnational cooperation in the fields of philosophy and education.

One of the most successful instruments to increase the awareness of each other within the different stakeholder groups is the philosophical consulting. Step by step we are introducing the philosophical consulting which is a recognized effective instrument in helping the definition of personal identity through building up self confidence and self esteem.

The introduction of philosophical consulting in our school is a very innovative project. It is directed to confront the major cultural problem of our society: The loss of importance of ideological, traditional and religious values are particularly dramatic for young people continually looking for points of reference.

Our position as educators is that young people should be supported in recognizing the value of personal commitment as a relevant source of personal gratification and consequently as a motivation to confront life's challenges and difficulties.

Our project is designed to integrate practical experiences, especially from young scientists in Europe or Asia.