

COMENIUS PROJECT – EDUCATION IN EUROPE

2010-2012

The participating schools are located in Leeuwarden (Netherlands), Redruth (UK), Angers (France), Halle (Germany), Pontedera (Italy).

The 1998 European Convention of Human Rights Act guarantees the “Right to Education”, in order to prevent social exclusion and discrimination. The project **Education Systems in Europe** gives young people the opportunity to:

- Broaden their understanding of European education systems, culture and language.
- Gain a deeper insight into future opportunities they may have for education and employment.
- Prepare them to become European citizens, with an understanding for diversity and inclusion.
- Improve their linguistic skills by communicating in a foreign language.
- Visit other countries and learn about their culture and life style.
- Develop ICT skills and other communication forms.

Students will investigate and compare education systems, gaining an insight into the differences and similarities available throughout Europe, thus comprehending the complex construction of European Education. Our students will have the freedom and opportunity to study in any educational establishment within the EU. An increasing number of our students will find themselves studying and working in other countries and will profit from experiences gained in Comenius activities.

Initially students will research their own education system and inform the students of the partner schools by publishing their results on our Twinspace. In April 2011, during the project meeting which will be held in Leeuwarden , in the Netherlands, each national group will present the result of their investigation. The students will compare their results and evaluate the first year of the project. During the meeting, students and teachers will get the chance to visit the school and take part in some lessons. The Dutch school is a Montessori bilingual school (EIO) and is on the way to become a school with an international signature (ELOS).

In the 2nd year students will compare and evaluate the results of the 1st year. They will work as a team to develop the idea of an “Ideal European School” which can be presented to the regional, national and European governments. At the end of the second year, in April 2012, a project conference will be held in Angers, France, during which national groups will present their project work and international groups will discuss their proposals for an ideal European education system.