



>>DEVOTED: DEvelopment Of Trainers in Education

>> DEVOTED presents Examples of Best Practice in Teaching

DEVOTED developed an inventory of good practices with standards, described tools, methods and curricula. By the **end of October 2011** it will be possible to download these examples of good practice from the online platform: www.devoted-project.eu

DEVOTED offers existing good practices in three thematic fields:

- > intercultural communication, gender and diversity;
- > key, social and citizenship competencies;
- > creative skills and ICT competencies.

For the topic of intercultural communication, gender and diversity the activity "**Barnga - A game about intercultural awareness**" has been chosen and tested. This game promotes intercultural awareness in an effective and innovative way.

In **Barnga**, participants experience the shock of realizing that despite many similarities, people of differing cultures perceive things differently or play by different rules. Players learn that they must understand and reconcile these differences if they want to function effectively in a cross-cultural group. The main learning outcome of this activity:

- students realise that different cultures perceive things differently, and/or play by different rules
- students have to understand and reconcile these differences if they want to function effectively in a cross-cultural group.

Two young girls (from Russia and Poland) explain their experiences in playing BARNGA

"The situation in the group was quite similar to my situation, when I came to Germany. I did not understand anything and had to look at that, what people do."

"It was not so much irritated. I knew, that there were different rules in the new group. So I did that, what I did when I came from Russia to Germany. I asked someone to help me. That was not so easy, because it was a rule not to speak. But that was also similar to the situation in the past."

(voices from learners in the testing of BARNGA at Weiterbildungskolleg Mönchengladbach/DE)

Apart from this the DEVOTED consortium created a booklet for a [mobile team of experts](#), which offers a train the trainer concept in cooperation with schools and other institutions from second chance education. More results and products of DEVOTED will be presented at the final conference!

Invitation

Centre of expertise

Final Conference

Friday, October 28, 2011

Heerlen

REGISTRATION

to register for a place at the final conference and to reserve lunch, please email before October 16, 2011 to exact@arcuscollege.nl

Opening "European Centre of Expertise".

The European Centre of Expertise in education provides support to all professionals working with disadvantaged target groups. Good practices and practical support are available to provide life-long learning programmes and to provide innovative teaching and learning path ways.

A European expertise centre of lifelong learning has been established to reduce early school leaving and to encourage the use of learning opportunities.

Two European projects with fourteen partners contributed to this European Centre of Expertise: EXACT and DEVOTED worked two years under the Grundtvig- and Key Activities 4-programme of the EU Lifelong Learning programme to realise this Centre in line with the Europe2020-strategy.

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Programme Final Conference Friday 28 October 2011, Heerlen

09.00 Arrival of participants

09.30 Words of welcome

10.00 Keynote speaker Prof. Rolf ARNOLD, TU Kaiserslautern: "Early school leaving: How big is the problem? What causes it? What can we, what should we do?"

12.15 Lunch

13.45 Presentations and workshops: results from the two European projects will be shown and tested in workshops, under the leading coordination of Reinhold SCHIFFERS, director of the Weiterbildungskolleg, Mönchengladbach.

15.30 Concluding speech by Mrs. J.C. LEENHOUTS, Board MBO Raad (Colleges NL): What can and what should be the role of the European Centre of Expertise for all professionals who work with difficult target groups, preventive and curative?

16.00 Virtual opening of the European Centre of Expertise by Mr. F. Bollen, ARCUS College, Head of Unit Education and by Mr. H. Bosch, President E2C-Europe.

16.30 Informal gathering – Networking

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Trains coming from the directions of Amsterdam, Aachen, Maastricht. Drieschstraat is situated at the northern side of the railway station (5 minutes walk).

By planes :

The airports of Maastricht-Aachen, Cologne, Düsseldorf, Eindhoven, Brussels and Charleroi are situated at about one hour drive from Maastricht and Heerlen.

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