

Evaluation after the meeting in Graz: Tolerance/Intolerance

The “Everest” of our school, Városközponti Általános Iskola és Alapfokú Művészeti Iskola (Pécs, Hungary), is tolerance.

We have been experiencing a lot of intolerance in our society, in our school. That’s why we thought we would like to learn ways to deal with this problem to help the future generations to become more tolerant towards other people, towards people who are different.

Before the meeting in Graz we had discussions with our students about tolerance/intolerance. The students of our special Erasmus+ group were asked to make a film about the problems they can see at school. This film has been used as a starting point for discussions in connection with this topic in several classes since Graz meeting.

After the meeting the ambassador students, students who participated on the Graz training activities, talked about their experiences, told other students what students from different countries think about tolerance/intolerance.

Teachers who participated on the meeting held special lessons where they tried some methods, activities brought from Graz: drama activities, acting out different situations. The activities have encouraged students to set objectives that help tolerance.

There is a special after-school club where students act out different scenes with puppets. They have been practising a play based on tolerance/intolerance and there will be a show of the play in May 2017.

We believe that we are responsible for our students’ attitudes so we must educate them how to behave, how to be tolerant. We must show both situations and fair behaviour in case of meeting different people. Students should be aware that people can be different in many ways: in skin colour, nationality, their belief system, the language they speak, how they choose to dress or represent themselves, their physical abilities, sexual orientation, body shape and size. That is the reason why we have provided our students opportunities to experience the lives of the deaf, the blind, the disabled.

Finally, it has to be emphasised that participating in an international project like this has positive effects and great influence on tolerance. Working in this partnership has opened the “gates” and showed us we are all similar and we are all different at the same time.