

PHILOSOPHICAL DIALOGUE Thursday 01/02/2018

« What am I responsible for ? »

Animated par Mrs Moullec and Mrs Rage

On Thursday 1st February, the Erasmus group went to the school library to take part in a philosophical dialogue about responsibility. The 22 students sat in a circle and each of them picked a role card (members of the circle, facilitators and secretaries). The 2nd year pupils who had already had a philosophical dialogue explained its principles to the rest of the group. Then the mind map made by the class « 4Sand » to define the conditions for a good communication was projected and explained.



Here is the picture projected as a stimuli:



First, students reacted and explained what this saying meant to them.

Three students stood in the middle of the circle to represent the transmission of the earth from generation to generation.



The 2 secretaries, Marie and Bérénice, took notes to report on the exchanges.
Here are the main ideas they wrote down :

Adultes must protect the Earth to transmit it to their children in the same condition as they received it from their ancestors, and they must even try and make things better. It is their responsibility not to damage our planet, **but also to educate their children so that when they become adult in their turn, they do the same.**

By our lifestyle (the means of transport we choose, what we decide to buy and the way we consume, our houses...) **we have a share of responsibility in the global warming and the loss of biodiversity.** We often prefer to say that manufacturers and big companies are the only ones responsible of the pollution and the damage caused to our planet (deforestation, pollution of the soil, of rivers, of oceans, air pollution...), and we tend to think there is not much we can do about it: change our daily habits will be useless if we are the only ones to do it... That way, we go on doing nothing and we put the blame on others.

We have been aware of the environmental crisis for a long time.
It is high time we stopped talking and started taking concrete action !

We are all responsible for our own actions, our choices and the decisions we make.

If everybody at their own little level start changing their behaviour and become more environment-friendly, all these little steps are going to add up and make great changes possible.

We can set an **example** and motivate others. For example deciding to stop buying a product because it was produced in conditions harmful for biodiversity is not really complicated and it can make manufacturers change their production processes.

Here are some examples of possible actions :

- Use a car only when we have no other choice ; prefer green means of transport
- Sort out and recycle waste ; buy products with little packaging.
- Stop wanting always more things and buy only what we really need ; avoid waste.
- Reduce our consumption of electricity and water
- Eat less meat (less but better: choose producers whose raise animals in decent conditions)
- Become informed consumers: check the origin of products, their composition etc...
Prefer local products, organic food or from sustainable farming.
- Think about animal well-being and help protect endangered species.

Make us take concrete action, that is the aim of the « cChallenge »