



PROJECT BLUEPRINT

PROJECT: *SOLIDARITY PENPAL*

Description:

Students exchange program, aiming at creating a direct interaction between two students from different communities of the world.

Students from developed countries would get in contact with students from vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, establishing a bond that can develop strong ties, especially at an early age, and that can bring several benefits to both participants:

- Educational benefits: acquiring and/or developing skills in the following fields: writing, reading and initiation at project presentation;
- Psychological benefits: support to those children that are in vulnerable situations, providing a tie with someone that has the same age;
- Teaching in solidarity values: children from developed countries will learn to value their socioeconomic situation and will develop empathy and understanding of the situation in vulnerable and disadvantaged countries/communities.

Activities:

The program can be developed through the following activities:

Writing: students can exchange postal letters/postcards/drawings..; in those countries where postal service is not available, but internet is present, email exchange can be an option;

Reading: students can exchange over the email or telephone short audio recordings of stories/poems (not more than some minutes recommended);

Handcraft/projects: students can exchange over the email or telephone short video recordings of handcrafts or small projects that they want to share and explain (i.e. explaining how to make a paper plane..)

Implementation:

The program will have the following phases:

1) Advertising:

The program will be advertised through our website and through the appropriate means made available by our partners (business and associations).

2) Application:

Interested institutions (schools educational centres, orphanages, etc..) can contact with Together on education@togetherinternational.eu



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They have to provide the following information:

Institution Focal Point:

- Full name
- School/educational centre/orphanage: name and address
- Email (if available)
- Telephone number (if available, and registered in whatsapp if possible)
- Language(s) requested to participate
- Motivation to join the program
- Other relevant information

Participant students:

- Full name of student
- Address
- Email (if available)
- Telephone number (if available, and registered in whatsapp if possible)
- Language
- Age
- Sex
- Hobbies
- Motivation to join the program
- Other relevant information

- 3) Matching: participant students will be assessed according to their language and profile (age, hobbies, etc..), and program coordinators will match students with closest profiles.

Note: following the gender equality approach, embedded in our Feminism Principle, there will be no distinction in terms of sex, students being able to be matched with students of different sex.

- 4) Communication of matching results to institutions' Focal Points.
- 5) Monitoring: Program coordinators will liaise with the institutions Focal Points on a regular basis in order to assess the development of the program and to perform quality control through communicated KPIs (Key Performance Indicators).
- 6) Evaluation: program coordinators will evaluate the project implementation on a semestral basis.