

HUMAN RIGHTS



#3 - Newsletter "Human Rights across Europe" – 2011 – 2013

Dear Readers!

The third meeting of "Human Rights across Europe" took place in Granada from 24th to 28th October 2012. The host organizations, Fundación Docete Omnes, welcomed Polish, Finnish and German partners.

We went sightseeing (in particular, Mariana Pineda Women's Centre, the Alhambra, etc...) and then we visited Fundación Docete Omnes, where we introduced the hosts to all the activities of the Fundación (vocational education and training centre – VET –, special education classes for disabled people with different impairments).

During our work session, the participants developed:

- Short workshop with introduction to the Moodle platform (helped by the ICT expert David García);
- Brainstorming on the target group of the content of the platform/website and the content;
- Presentation of the results of the questionnaire by the German learners;
- Presentation of some ideas collected by the Finnish partner;
- Setting the dates for the next meeting in Yozgat.

In conclusion, we elaborated a summary of the work done during the meeting and set the time table. At a later date we received the ideas, comments and examples from the partners.



After the meeting in Granada – before the meeting in Yozgat

Çayralan Halk Eğitimi Merkezi, Turkey

We couldn't join the meeting in Granada but we organized a bilateral meeting with Spanish partner on 14th and 15th of December.

We presented our activities until the meeting.

Spanish partner gave information about the meeting that was organized with other partners.



During our lessons, we speak English as much as possible, in order to improve our English skills easily and naturally along the way. Thus, it was not too difficult for two of our learners to present the survey results.

Equal Pay Day



Back home we went on talking about Human Rights in Germany. Are they respected here? We thought about discrimination and gender equality. “Everyone, without any discrimination, has the right to equal pay for equal work.”

But how is it handled in our country?

We talked about our own experience and again, we searched the Internet for more information on this topic and learned about the “Equal Pay Day”. It symbolises the day until which women have to work longer to earn the same salary as men earned the year before. It takes place in many countries and it depends on the pay gap of each country.

In order to find out if and what can be done about the gender pay gap, we made an appointment with an equal opportunity commissioner who has worked for the local community for several years.

On 14th February we met her. We had a very warm welcome and we had an animated and interesting discussion.

After that we wrote a short report where we included some further links. The report can be found on our project homepage. We hope to encourage people to think about what each of us can do to raise further awareness and to make it a topic of public discussion in our area too.

Human Rights on/in the News

In the course of this project we often communicated with the Finnish organisation. They have a great deal of knowledge regarding Human Rights. Anneli suggested also looking at the Human Right “Freedom of Expression” and thinking about media reading skills. She sent us a document with some case studies and many stimulating questions.

During the next lessons we read the case studies, thought about similar cases in Germany and discussed the questions vividly.

This gave us the idea to have a closer look at our local newspaper. We collected several editions, read them together with respect to Human Rights, no matter if the rights are violated, in danger of being violated or supported. We found out that most often the corresponding newspaper articles were about Human Rights being violated, sometimes about Human Rights being supported, such as an “Equal Pay Day”-event in North-Rhine-Westphalia, or the support of a battered women’s shelter.



Instytut Tolerancji, Poland

Colourful Tolerance 2013 – 21st March 2013

One item on the agenda of the Colourful Tolerance event in 2013 was to call attention to the human rights of disabled people.



FUNDACION DOCETE OMNES, Spain

Activities developed by FDO for the third meeting

As regards the meeting in Granada, Spain the main works were the questionnaires to the students to value their knowledge about Human Rights.

The questionnaires were designed in English, thus at first we made the translation to Castilian, then we selected the students for the realization of the questionnaire and after that we analysed the results to be introduced in Granada.

Since the 3rd meeting at the Fundación, we have organized several activities about human rights with the students of our organization to value their knowledge about human rights working with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



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