

Teaching Controversial Issues: Developing Effective Training for Teachers and School Leaders

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Aims of this presentation...

To answer some key questions:

- 1. What** is the Pilot Project?
- 2. What** has been done so far?
- 3. What** still needs to be done?

1. What is the Pilot Project on Teaching Controversial Issues?



'..the new challenge of how to prepare young people for democracy in contexts that are quite different from those that have been known in the past.'

Kerry Kennedy

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Democracy in Europe



Global Capitalism and Jobs



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Student Voice



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New and Unknown Challenges



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Global Responses



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Overall Aim

- **To develop effective training on teaching controversial issues and strengthen the capacity and confidence of teachers and school leaders in this area in a number of Council of Europe member states and beyond**

Partner Countries

Full Partner Countries:

- **United Kingdom (UK) (Coordinator), Cyprus, Ireland, Montenegro and Spain**

Associate Partner Countries

- **France, Albania, Austria, Sweden and (Turkey)**

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Key Objectives

1. Review existing literature and training approaches
2. Produce a scoping paper
3. Develop a training programme
4. Pilot the training programme
5. Finalise the scoping paper and training programme
6. Share the outcomes

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6. Lay the foundations for further piloting
7. Share the learning and outcomes
8. Achieve wider incorporation of training programme
9. Strengthen the capability and confidence of teachers and school leaders

Pilot Project timeframe

- Aug14 - Scoping and review
- Sept/Oct14 - Training package
- Oct/Nov/Dec14 - Pilot phase
- Dec14/Jan15 - Review and finalise
- Spring15 - Disseminate and share
- Spring15 - Follow up on outcomes

2. What has been achieved so far?



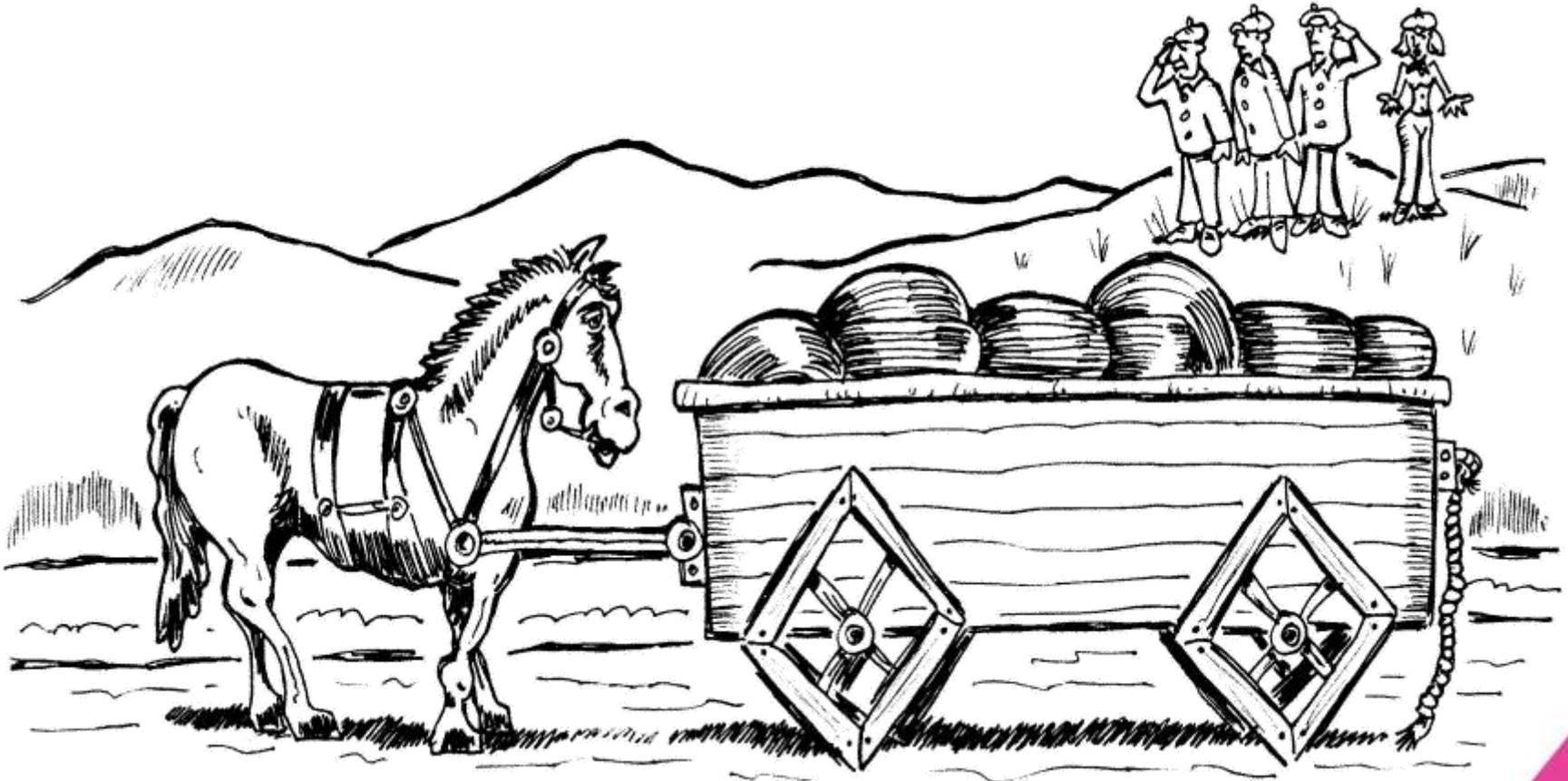
Achievements to date

- Successful proposal document
- Partner country sign up
- Contextual questionnaire and background documents
- Scoping of the literature
- Identification of key issues/questions

Achievements to date

- Successful start up meeting Paris Sept 14
- Second planning meeting Strasbourg Oct 14
- Teacher questionnaire prepared
- Draft pilot training pack produced ready to pilot
- Draft scoping paper outline ready
- Training sessions in partner countries being planned
- Feedback on pilot trainings discussed

Trial and Error!



3. What still needs to be done?



Task/Outcomes

- Review pilot outcomes across countries
- Decide on nature of final Scoping Paper
- Decide on final training pack
- Agree communications plan
- Agree dissemination strategy for outcomes
- Plan international seminar
- Look for funding to build on foundation stage of pilot – students/ school leaders

Thank you

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