Combating Gender Stereotypes in and through Education

With the participation of the Council of Europe Network of National Focal Points on Gender Equality

Conference organised by the Council of Europe in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland

PROGRAMME

Helsinki, 9-10 October 2014
THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2014

8.15 – 9.00 am  Registration of participants

OPENING SESSION

9.00 – 10.00 am  Opening remarks by:
- Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe
- Krista Kiuru, Minister of Education, Science and Communications, Republic of Finland
- Guest of Honour: Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland

Setting the scene – Armelle Loghmanian (France)
“How are girls and boys affected by gender stereotypes: from playground to workplace”

SESSION 1  Role of the education system in gender based inequality

10.00 am  Keynote speaker: Pauline Moreau (Ireland)

Exchange of practices and experiences from member states on:
Ensuring continuity in the combat of gender stereotypes throughout the education system
Cocky Booij (Netherlands)
Impact of the school system on masculine and feminine identities
Ilse Bartosch (Austria)

Questions and Discussion

11.15 – 11.45 am  Coffee Break

SESSION 2  Combating gender stereotypes in the education system: success stories

11.45 am  Keynote speaker: Maria Teresa Alvarez Nunes (Portugal)

Exchange of practices and experiences from member states on:
School curricula and career guidance
Steven De Baerdemaeker (Belgium)
Teaching material/teachers
Ineta Upeniece (Latvia)
Hanna Björg Vilhjálmsdóttir (Iceland)

Questions and Discussion

1.00 – 2.30 pm  Lunch
SESSION 3  Mainstreaming gender in the education system

2.30 pm  Keynote speaker: Elisabeth Lønnå (Norway)
Exchange of practices and experiences from member states on:
Challenges in implementing the Recommendation on gender mainstreaming in education
Bernard Wicht (Switzerland)

3.45-4.15 pm  Coffee Break
Sharing of good experiences at local and regional level
Nataliya Semenova (Russian Federation)
Gender issues in history teaching
John Hamer (United Kingdom)
Questions and Discussion

7.00 pm  Reception offered by the Minister of Education, Science and Communication
Venue: House of Estates

SESSION 4  Gender Equality outside the classroom

9.00 am  Keynote speaker: Maya Chivi (Lebanon/Canada)
Exchange of practices and experiences from member states on:
Combating stereotypes at pre-school level
Jens Krabel (Germany)
Kira Appel (Denmark)
Parents role in combating gender stereotyping
Carolina Sudrez García (Spain)
Questions and Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 am  Coffee Break

CLOSING SESSION

11.00 - 12.00 pm  Conclusions and general recommendations by the General Rapporteur
Maureen Bohan (Ireland)
Closing remarks
The promotion of gender equality in education is a prerequisite to the achievement of *de facto* equality between women and men in all spheres of life in society.