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Democracy in Action

Learning & Teaching Resources in Democratic School Practice

Parallel workshops

***Living Democracy* website: online materials for democracy and human rights in schools**

Workshop 1: *Living democracy*: materials for teachers

Background
<p>Teachers are important key players and role models when it comes to Democracy and Human Rights. How do they listen and empower, how do they deal with their own mistakes and those of others? How do they turn the classroom into a place where people find together solutions for tasks and problems? With the materials teachers can find on the <i>Living Democracy</i> website, all these questions are touched upon. Proposals are provided for both teaching and learning and for questions of attitude and behaviour.</p>
Main Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand the European approach of the development process; - To understand the background and the structure of the website; - To understand that teachers are supported in their daily work through the supportive materials; - To see in which way the materials can be used; - To prepare a dissemination process at home.
Expected Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The participants know where the website is located - They know about the available languages - They can navigate the website

Workshop 2: *Living Democracy*: materials for principals

Background
<p>Principals, teachers and staff know that the elements of democracy are part of the national constitution and curricula and therefore not negotiable. The objectives of the <i>Democracy</i> sequence for principals are to provide ideas to support participation in decision making, healthy and active school environment, good leadership and learning atmosphere.</p>
Main Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To understand the need for practical tools;- To understand the <i>democracy</i> approach with the eight sequences;- To see in which way the materials can be applied for principals' training programmes;- To prepare a dissemination process at home.
Expected Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The participants know where the website is located;- They know about the available languages;- They can navigate the website.

Workshop 3: *Living Democracy*: materials for parents

Background
<p>Education for democracy does not only take place in school during citizenship lessons. Democratic education also occurs in our daily lives, through family dynamics, situations on playgrounds, in parks, or at work. One core element of an active culture of democracy takes place in the families where parents try to communicate in a participatory way, to prepare their children for life in society. Needed are alternative options for respectful and peaceful interaction to deal with complex situations in everyday living together.</p>
Main Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To understand in which way communication in families is related to democratic societies;- To understand the distinction in different age levels;- To understand that teachers are supported in their daily work through the supportive materials;- To see in which way the materials can be used;- To prepare a dissemination process at home.
Expected Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The participants know where the website is located;- They know about the available languages;- They can navigate the website;- They feel more competent as parents themselves.