

## REPORT FROM ITALY

### ACTIVITY 6

#### "REFUGEES"

The largest part of the about 30 students involved in the project Wow, have developed the sixth activity whose theme is "Refugees". It has been split into three main topics: Laws about immigration, Immigration and economy, Statistics.

The method used in making these researchers was based on cooperative learning, tutoring, surfing the Internet. A great help was obtained by periodically attending the "Astalli" association located in the center of Catania where meeting young immigrants who need to learn the Italian language.

**TERM** - Activity 6 was set to be completed during February 2018.

#### AIMS

The basic and essential objectives of the Activity 6 are:

- Improving students` creativity.
- Improving English language competence.
- Team working.
- Learning through practice.
- Increasing student motivation.
- Enhancing creative thinking skills.
- Developing spirit of cooperation team working.
- Expanding the knowledge of the English related to refugees.
- Improving IT skills.
- Becoming aware of the social and politic conditions of the immigrants.

#### BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

1) Being in contact with an unknown but actual reality, very different from their daily life and, consequently, enlarging their minds about the immigrants conditions.

2) Searching information about immigration improves, encourage and stimulate their creativity and, mostly, sensibility and human feeling. Developing creativity in students is a base that leads to efficient performance and abilities for solving problems. The students involved had to be autonomous and responsible.

3) Developing critical thinking.

Preparation and participation in Activity 6 aims to develop a strong sense of personal responsibility, initiative and active attitude, which are key points of critical thinking. Through

the activity students develop abilities to raise topics and problems, to formulate them precisely.

#### 4) Improving English language skills.

According to the Project Agenda, students have to create a product for the exhibition and to describe their works in English. Activity 6, like all the other activities, develops the skill for writing in English. The students are motivated to use both their basic vocabulary and to learn new phrases and words. The activity enables students to look for ways to express themselves through the foreign language which leads to improving abilities for written communication in this language. They also get constructive feedback from their teachers.

### RESULTS

Activities and events set up in the plan of the partnership concerning the Activity 6 contributed positive benefits to the involved teachers and students from our school.

### PRODUCTS

The output is constituted by three written searches and three banners like inflexible posters wide 70x100 cm with photos and short descriptions which summarize the work done about refugees.

### DISSEMINATION

In order to disseminate the result of the exhibition, we plan to organize an event in our school to exhibit the students' artworks to local communities, to the students and teachers of the school and, mostly, to all the participants of this Erasmus project Wow on the occasion of their mobility to Italy.

### SUSTAINABILITY

There are more than one aspect of sustainability of the positive results achieved through implementing Activity 6. On the one hand, the sustainability is focused on gaining knowledge, skills for critical and creative thinking, improving personal motivation. These effects have beneficial impact on students and teachers for an extended period, after finishing the activity. They continue in their studying and teaching, school performance and personal development. On the other hand, the effect for sustainability of the results is achieved through presenting the different works concerning refugees to other teachers and students. In this way the products of Activity 6 go on their dissemination result, affecting on a larger group of beneficiaries out of the frames of school partners.

### EVALUATION

The planned activities and aims of Activity 6 in the project "WOW" are fulfilled and achieved. Students' work and products are prepared and contributed among their own school communities and among project partners.