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CoDeS Mailing 11

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Final Conference - Barcelona, May 21-23th, 2014



1. CoDeS Barcelona Conference 2014:

'Designing a Sustainable Future through School Community Collaboration'
Final Conference of the Comenius Lifelong Learning Network CoDeS, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, 21-23 May 2014

Find more information here: www.comenius-codes.eu

2. News on collaboration between schools and communities in Austria:

New website: School community collaboration in Austria – “School meets community”

Within the context of the Austrian ECO-School (ÖKOLOG-) project a subsite focussing on school community collaboration has been built and is online. Codes is presented as main international project there.

For details see <http://www.oekolog.at/themen-und-publikationen/schule-trifft-gemeinde/internationaler-rahmen.html>

School creativity competence on “School meets ... your world” in collaboration with the companies UHU and LIBRO. Pupils from grade 1 to 8 are invited to reflect their relation between school and their world and also future wishes and aspects and to send in drawings/paintings. The winner’s picture will be printed on “UHU-stick”, a glue stick frequently used and sold.

For details see:

http://www.oekolog.at/fileadmin/oekolog/grafiken/Schwerpunkt/Schule_trifft_Gemeinde/Dokumente/Schule_trifft_Folder.pdf

<http://www.uhu.com/fileadmin/extern/libro2013/de>

New information folder for schools and community: The Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture produced a new folder in order to support and widespread the topic and the access to school community collaboration. The text also refers to the relevant texts in a number of school curricula.

For details see: <http://www.oekolog.at/themen-und-publikationen/schule-trifft-gemeinde/materialien-links.html>

3. Sense&Sustainability/UK: Research highlights the need for Schools and Community partnerships

Anna Barorcak is an Associate trainer for Sense&Sustainability working at the University of Warsaw. She has just completed her PhD research looking at the effectiveness of ESD in schools in the UK and Poland during the decade of Education for Sustainability. The results of the research are very challenging and the responses to one of the questions highlighted how few schools make links with local community decision makers as part of the ESD. Of the 74 teachers that responded from schools in two local authority districts – Shropshire in the UK and Siedlce in Poland, 25% of teachers in Poland and 11% of teachers in the UK said that they had undertaken any ESD work with local decision makers. CoDeS is needed!

Note – there was a 100% response from schools in Poland and an 80% response from schools in the UK.

4. Slovenia: The 2nd national conference for science teachers (in primary, secondary and vocational school) entitled '*From Observing and Inquiring towards Knowledge*' will be carried out in **Laško on 19th November 2013 by NEIS.**

Main goals of the conference:

- introducing new knowledge in the field of science and technology,
- promoting interdisciplinary teaching,
- sharing experiences and presenting cases of best practice.

The main topics will be: science knowledge (development of terms and concepts), science methods (development of science skills) and attitudes towards science (responsibility towards environment and health, ESD).

For more information see: <http://www.zrss.si/naravoslovje2013/>

5. Publication: Arjen E.J. Wals 'Social learning towards a sustainable world' – open access at last!

Wageningen Academic Publishers has released the e-version of "Social Learning towards a sustainable world" as an open-access book that can be downloaded for free by anyone with a computer and access to the web. This is a result of the book being a 'top seller' for WAP three years in a row.

Should the latest book in the same series "Learning for Sustainability in Times of Accelerating Change" become as successful this book too will become open-access in all likelihood in due time.

To get to the free version go to: <http://www.wageningenacademic.com/sociallearning>

Feel free to share the pdf with others of course.

