

**TEAM(Together Europe Achieves More) Meeting Gracehill, Northern Ireland
9th October – 13th October 2011**

Report of meeting held in Gracehill, Northern Ireland

The following itinerary was followed.

Sunday 9th October – Arrival in Northern Ireland

Monday
10th Oct AM Welcome to Gracehill and an opportunity to see around the school
 TEAM meeting 1
 PM Visit to Londonderry and on to Gweedore – an Irish speaking area
 of Donegal

Tuesday AM Visits to Classes
 TEAM meeting 2
 PM Factory Visit to Wrightbus - a local factory producing buses for
 export to countries around the world

Wednesday
12th Oct AM Participation with the children from Gracehill in a Walk to School
 event
 Welcome Assembly – there will be an opportunity to bring
 greetings from your school to all our children.
 TEAM meeting 3
 Afternoon visit to Belfast – sightseeing and shopping
 Evening – Farewell Party in school – an opportunity to share in each
 others' culture through sharing food and music.

Thursday
13th Oct Guests Depart

Participants:

From Norway: Anita Nilsen, Tove Larsen and Torill Haraldsen
From Holland: Alvin Van Der Laak and Willy Evers
From Denmark: Holger Larsen, Hanne Thoms and Rikke Oxlund
From Spain: Pedro Salcedo and Aroua González
From Gracehill: Barbara Bristow, Jacqueline Hall, Rebecca Kernohan and
Lexie Scott

10th October Meeting 1

The meeting began with a welcome from Lexie and the opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves. Lexie explained that unfortunately the school in Turkey had not been granted permission to participate in the project and that the Spanish colleagues were joining the meeting although at present they did not have permission for participation. All the colleagues were pleased to be able to welcome the Spanish representatives and Pedro explained that their school was on a reserve list but they were hopeful that they would be able to secure the funding to allow their continued participation.

Lexie went on to outline the programme for the visit and asked participants to consider whether there were changes they would like to suggest. Lexie also took some time to explain a little about Gracehill and about the general organisation of the school. He explained that colleagues should think about which classes they might wish to visit the following day.

A short discussion took place about the aims of the project. All participants agreed that the aims were still relevant and that there would need to be some changes as a result in the changed membership of the group.

The first meeting concluded with Lexie outlining arrangements for the afternoon visits.

11th October Meeting 2

Discussion	Action
<p>This meeting reviewed the timetable and proposals which had been contained in the original application.</p> <p>Each school outlined what actions they currently took in relation to promoting enterprise within school.</p> <p>Denmark – Odis set up a community which has all the normal parts of a town e.g. shops, council etc.</p> <p>Norway – Kirkeby organise, in association with a national charity appeal, to hold a craft fair at which the classes sell craft items which they have made.</p> <p>Holland – De Vonkenmorgen hold a Christmas Market every other year at which the children sell items they have made.</p> <p>Spain – have already established a TEAM committee comprising of teachers, pupils and a local business man.</p> <p>Gracehill – have also established a TEAM committee involving teachers and pupils. Lexie explained that they had also copied the Norwegian idea and had had a craft fair with pupils items.</p> <p>Bookmarks – it was noted that the first item to be decided upon was the TEAM bookmark. The Spanish colleagues had brought some samples with them. It was agreed that each school would produce 3 finalists which would then be voted on by the other schools.</p>	<p>All schools to make sure that they have set up a TEAM committee-membership will suit the individual school. By end of December.</p> <p>Each school will send 3 bookmarks to Anita(Norway) who will upload them onto the website. To Anita NO LATER than 25th November</p>

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<p>Once a winner had been chosen, this will be decided on following a ‘Eurovision Song’ style vote – schools will only be able to vote for designs other than their own, Lexie will get this design professionally printed and bring these along the second meeting.</p> <p>Anita confirmed that she would establish the project website and would send colleagues details of this as soon as she returned to Norway. In turn colleagues were to send her material for the website. She would furnish each school with a user name and password so that they could add to their own parts of the website.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a short summary of the project meetings would be placed on the website.</p> <p>It was further agreed that each school would produce some Christmas materials (Christmas cards and some information about Christmas traditions) which would be sent to the other schools.</p> <p>Alvin explained that he was hoping to produce some video material for the project and asked that colleagues bring a short video (about 90 secs) in AVI or WMV format, to the next project meeting.</p>	<p>Gracehill to have ‘winning’ bookmarks printed.</p> <p>Anita to establish the website – others to send her materials(words and pictures) for the shared areas. (by the end of October)</p> <p>Christmas materials to be sent to arrive by 9th December.</p> <p>By Monday 12th March to have produced and brought to the next meeting a short video about their school.</p>

12th October Meeting 3

Discussion	Action
<p>This meeting continued the review of the actions for the project for the first year.</p> <p>The project committees in each school will produce descriptions of themselves and suitable photographs for inclusion on the project website.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the organisation of the second and third project meetings. It was agreed that the second meeting would take place in Gendt from Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th March 2012. Dutch colleagues to organise programme.</p> <p>The Norwegian colleagues volunteered to host the third project meeting as this had originally been planned for Turkey who were no longer project members. The other partners were happy to accept the invitation to Norway and Lexie thanked the Norwegian colleagues for offering to host.</p>	<p>Article and photos to Anita by 31st January</p> <p>Project Meeting 2 will be held in Holland from 12-14 March 2012</p> <p>Project meeting 3 will be held in Norway from 6-9 June 2012</p>

<p>It was agreed that a review would be held at the second meeting to determine the progress made and to agree any changes which might need to be made at that stage.</p>	
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<p>Partners to begin to think about what product they might make for sale at the final project meeting – Spain had already considered some ideas such as the printing of project tee shirts. These ideas to be shared with other partners at the meeting in Holland.</p>	
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At the end of the meetings Lexie thanked everyone for the very helpful suggestions and said that he appreciated the support everyone had given him. He invited the visiting colleagues to join with the teachers from Gracehill to share an evening of food, music and dance.