

**TEAM(Together Europe Achieves More) Meeting De Vonkenmorgen, Gendt  
11<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Report of meeting held in Gendt, The Netherlands

The following itinerary was followed.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March; guests arrive and brought to the hotel.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

9.00. Collected from the hotel and brought to De Vonkenmorgen  
10.00 Welcome and Meeting 1  
12.00 Lunch  
13.30 Tour at the Vonkenmorgen  
15.00 Tour around Lingewaard and dinner.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

9.00 Collected from the hotel  
10.00 Meeting 2  
12.00 Lunch  
13.00 Depart to the Dutch National Museum in Arnhem  
17.00 Return to the hotel, evening free.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

9.00 Collected from the hotel.  
10.00 Meeting 3  
11.00 Visits to Classes  
12.00 Lunch.  
13.00 Depart to visit Graphic World- a local factory, producing  
printed materials.  
15.00 Return to the hotel  
19.00 Collected from the Hotel  
20.00 Farewell Party in a local Pub, with music, games and food.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March depart

Participants:

From Norway: Anita Nilsen, Tove Larsen and Bente ???????  
From Holland: Alvin Van Der Laak and Willy Evers  
From Denmark: Inge ??????????, Anne and Rikke Oxlund  
From Spain: Pilar and Carmen  
From Gracehill: Barbara Bristow, Sharon Reaney and Lexie Scott

## **Meeting 1 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

The meeting began with a welcome from Lexie and the opportunity for everyone to introduce themselves.

Lexie thanked the Dutch colleagues for the work they put into making the arrangements for the meeting. He went on to outline the programme for the visit and asked participants to consider whether there were changes they would like to suggest. Each colleague gave a short description of themselves and the classes they taught.

Each school then gave an outline of the project work which had taken place in their schools since the last meeting.

### Norway

The TEAM group had been established and this included 8 pupils and 2 teachers. They had worked on the project bookmarks and more recently had visited a local factory producing ice cream. This had gone very well and had included coverage on local television.

The Norwegian team were also very enthusiastic about a Junior Achievement (Young Enterprise) initiative which operated across Europe and which they felt would be happy to support the individual school committees. Each school was to check this out on their return.

Anita reminded members that material was needed for the website and that this should be sent to her to upload.

### Denmark

In Denmark the TEAM committee had been set up this included pupils, parents and teachers. They were fitting the work of TEAM around the school's annual community week. This would involve the whole school and would set up a fully functioning community with shops and other community activities and would operate within school for a week. The TEAM committee would operate their own business during this week.

Parents had been invited into the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes to tell the pupils about their jobs.

### Spain

The Spanish TEAM were continuing to operate. The committee comprises 4 teachers, 1 parent and 3 pupils. The committee had produced potpourri bags using materials from the school garden and with the help of the local agricultural cooperative had used the olives from the school olive trees to produce olive oil. Both these products had been sold in a Comenius shop in school. They were planning to study the working of this local cooperative which produced wine and olive oil. The Spanish colleagues presented the others present with small gifts from their production.

### The Netherlands

A TEAM committee had been set up. This involved 6 pupils, 2 teachers and 3 parents. The committee had already made contact with a local company Graphics World and were planning to produce a photographic souvenir for sale to the final year pupils. Willy and Alvin showed the group examples of this company's work and explained that we would see the range of work which they could produce during a factory visit later in the week.

### Northern Ireland

The TEAM committee consisted of 12 pupils and 3 teachers. Lexie said that he hoped they would be able to involve a parent or parents in the near future. The committee had formed themselves into two groups and produced cakes and other sweets which were sold at the school Christmas Fair. The groups had borrowed some money from school to get started and when this was paid back they had made a profit of almost £100. This had been donated to a local charity. The group were currently working on items to make which would be taken to Norway for the end of year sale.

At the conclusion of this meeting the group had lunch which was then followed by a tour of the local area. Lingewaard has many fruit farms and the visit concluded with a visit to one of these where the group were informed about new production methods for growing apples and cherries. The group also had the chance to see how the farm was diversifying through the introduction of a farm shop.

### **Meeting 2 Tuesday 13th March 2012**

The second meeting began with a review of the planned tasks which had been outlined in the project application. It was agreed that some of these needed to be adjusted the following items were agreed.

1. Each school was to produce a group photograph of their TEAM Committee along with a short description of the committee members. This would include a short pen portrait of the committee members to include the following information: First Name, Age, Favourite activity, Favourite Food, What I like best in school. Adult members could include work details. This information was to be sent to Anita for the TEAM website by the end of March.
2. Each committee was to research a typical industry from the area. This might be one which used to be important in the area and which had ceased working or it might include one which was still operating. This report was to be made into a small booklet (2-5 pages) and was to be produced for distribution around the group by 21<sup>st</sup> April.
3. The Norwegian colleagues indicated that when the matter of the parents' fair was discussed in school it was felt that this was too similar to the annual charity event which the school holds in the Autumn term. They suggested, and it was agreed, that they would organise a TEAM stall for one of the local shopping centres. This would provide the opportunity for each school to sell their produce and would also have the advantage of allowing us to inform a greater number of people about the project.

The second meeting concluded with lunch and the group then visited the Openlucht museum in Arnhem where they were given a tour of the museum and were able to observe some of the former industries which had operated in Holland.

### **Meeting 3 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

The discussion began by following on from the planning for the sales fair in Norway with each school outlining what their respective committees hoped to produce for the fair.

Northern Ireland – hair bobbles, badge and coasters.

Norway – seating cushions, knitted by the children and key rings

Denmark – wooden items, sewed

Spain – aromatic bags, paintings and bracelets

The Netherlands – mobiles and pencil cases

There was considerable debate about the dates for the project meeting in Norway. It was finally resolved that the meeting would take place from 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> May with those teachers who were travelling arriving on 13<sup>th</sup>. The Norwegian colleagues were very keen that the visitors would stay for the Norwegian National Day on 17<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that visiting schools would look at this as a possibility.

A discussion took place in relation to the programme of visits for the second year of the project. Colleagues considered the need to facilitate 12 mobilities. It was decided to visit Denmark in the Autumn Term, week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September. A visit, outside the remit of the project, would take place to Spain in the Spring Term – January – March 2013. There would be a meeting for co-ordinators in Norway during this term also. The final project meeting would take place in Gracehill in May/June 2013.

Lexie reminded colleagues of the need for their respective TEAM committees to consider what product they might cooperate on for the second year.

It was also agreed that it would be a good idea if each school would include a link on their website to the project website. Anita reported that there were no technical problems with this but that it was for each school to make that link on their own web site. Anita also stressed the need for colleagues to send her new material for the site as often as possible.

At the end of the meeting the group was taken to visit the industry which de Vonkenmorgen linked with, Graphics World.

The Project Meeting concluded with a meal and social evening at which the Dutch colleagues shared many of their traditional table games with the visitors. All the visitors paid tribute to the hard work and preparation which Alwin and Willy had carried out in order to make the meeting the success that it was.