11th
FORUM on
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING and EXCHANGE

THE VALUES OF LIVING TOGETHER: HOW TO ASSESS THEIR EVOLUTION WITHIN INTERCULTURAL STUDENT EXCHANGES

Colle Val d’Elsa - Italy
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What is FILE?

FILE is the annual Forum on Intercultural Learning and Exchange sponsored by the Intercultura Foundation in Colle di Val d’Elsa (Italy), the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL) in Brussels (Belgium) and AFS Intercultural Programs in New York (USA). It includes - by invitation - some sixty experts, researchers and practitioners in the field of international youth exchanges and intercultural learning. It is an opportunity for academics to meet and discuss with professionals and volunteers who work in the field of intercultural education - and for practitioners to learn about theories and researches in this field.

General topic of 11th FILE: The Values of living together: how to assess their evolution within intercultural student exchanges

“the pillar of “learning to live together” calls for the strengthening of a learning area devoted to promoting skills and values based on the principles of respect for life, human dignity and cultural diversity”. - Jacques Delors. 1995

The Forum of 2020 will continue the discussion started in the Forum of 2019 on the topic of “Value education in students’ exchange”. The aim is to deepen the topic and to assess the changes that might/should occur in exchange participants towards valuing human dignity and human rights, respect for differences, active participation in the life of multicultural democratic societies.

It will revolve around three presentations that will be discussed both in plenary sessions and in smaller groups:
1. A presentation of World and European values as they are evolving by Ferruccio Biolcati and Riccardo Ladini, University of Milan, which is the Italian link to the Stockholm based WVS and to the EVS Foundation;
2. The outcomes of the 2018 OECD PISA survey that included an assessment of the Global Competence of pupils age 15 from around the world;
3. The DICTAM (Developing Intercultural Competence Through Adolescents’ Mobility) study by Mattia Baiutti, Darla Deardorff, Roberto Ruffino on the level of intercultural competence acquired by 400 students involved in different types of exchanges;

Sub-topics:
• Which practices in schools, in the local community and in the home contribute best to a cognitive and emotional understanding of human dignity, human rights, respect for differences and active participation in the advancement of these values?
• Which pedagogical practices help to value human dignity and rights, respect for differences and globally competent participation in multicultural societies?
• To what extent do students’ exchanges achieve these goals and how?
• How do cultural differences affect values?

Desired outcome
• Recommendations for schools when running student exchanges: a practical set of implications from all 3 of these studies that AFS and likeminded organizations can use to promote exchanges
• What changes should occur in exchange participants towards valuing human dignity and human rights, respect for differences, and active participation as a global citizen and what is evidence of these changes?

Venue
Fondazione Intercultura
Via Gracco del Secco, 100
53034 Colle di Val d’Elsa (Siena, Tuscany)
PROGRAMME

Thursday evening, November 12th
Registration of participants, reception, dinner
Opening remarks:
• Roberto Ruffino – Welcome remarks and presentation of topic and program
• Anat Bardi – Department of Psychology, Royal Holloway, University of London What we know about ways that induce change in human values, esp. among adolescents, towards respects for differences etc etc - and whether intercultural exchanges may be a good tool to achieve it

Friday, November 13th
09.00-10.00 Ferruccio Biolcati, Riccardo Ladini – University of Milan: World and European values as they are evolving
10.00-10.45 Two discussants on Biolcati/Ladini's presentation:
   Martyn Barrett – University of Surrey
   Yi'an Wang – Hangzhou Dianzi University
11.15-12.45 Group discussions on World and European values
14.15-15.15 Tarek Mostafa - OECD: The outcomes of the 2018 OECD PISA survey that included an assessment of the Global Competence of pupils age 15 from around the world
15.15-16.00 Two discussants of the OECD presentation
   Mitalene Fletcher – Harvard Graduate School of Education
   Paul Morris – University College London – Dept. of Education
16.30-18.00 Group discussions on OECD presentation

Saturday, November 14th
09.00-10.00 Mattia Baiutti, Darla Deardorff, Roberto Ruffino: Presentation of DICTAM
10.00-10.45 Two discussants of DICTAM
   Justina Garbauskaité Jakimovská – University of Vilnius
   Soren Kristensen – Consultant in education and training
11.15-12.45 Group discussions on DICTAM
14.15-16.15 So what for students exchanges?
   Group discussions to reflect on previous presentations and their relevance for the topic of the Forum and for improving the content of students’ exchanges
16.45-17.30 Closing plenary to draw some general conclusions

Sunday, November 15th
Departures

REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEES
Registration is open on [https://forms.gle/CkB69dNvFpSQDz218](https://forms.gle/CkB69dNvFpSQDz218).
Participation fees are €540 in single room or €440 in double room. The fee includes three nights and all meals from dinner on November 12th till breakfast on November 15th).
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LOGISTICS
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