

**11<sup>th</sup>**

**F**ORUM on  
**I**NTERCULTURAL  
**L**EARNING and  
**E**XCHANGE

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

**Colle Val d'Elsa - Italy  
12 - 14 November 2020**

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Garbauskaitė Jakimovska** – *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>.

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

Colle Val d'Elsa is a centre for art and culture near Siena (15 km). Florence (45 km) is the point of reference for your international travel.

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