10th
FORUM on
INTERCULTURAL LEARNING and
EXCHANGE

VALUE EDUCATION IN
STUDENTS’ EXCHANGE

Colle Val d’Elsa - Italy
27 - 30 October 2019
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 10th FILE: Value education in students’ exchange

Do students’ exchanges support the learning of positive values to live peacefully together on our planet? And if so, how? The purpose of Forum X goes beyond just stating “noble” values once more, as they have been phrased by UN, UNESCO, CoE, Delors, AFS and many others. It focuses on how these values can be translated into learning activities for students involved in an exchange, so that they may become part of their lives, as well as of their families’ and schools’. Going on an exchange per se does not guarantee that people become more aware of global issues and more sensitive for the wellbeing of humankind. Much has been said about the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for a successful intercultural experience. Less has been said about value learning and how it can be critical in an exchange program: for a real change of perspective on self and others.

“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

Sub-topics:

• Are values universal or are they affected by cultural differences?
• Which accepted international documents support which universal values, if any?
• Which positive values must support intercultural learning?
• And which values counteract intercultural learning and global citizenship?
• Which pedagogical processes help to instil positive values in a learning program?
• Which tools are more apt to achieve this end?

Desired outcome

• Acknowledge the role of value education in student exchanges and in intercultural learning through formal and non formal approaches.
• Understand which educational practices and tools promote values of human dignity, respect for life and cultural diversity through students’ exchanges.

Venue

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

Opening night on Sunday, 27th October

Registration of participants, reception

19.30 Dinner

21.00 Opening remarks:
• Welcome and presentation of this year’s topic and program – Roberto Ruffino, Fondazione Intercultura
• Key note speech “Values and Intercultural Learning”- Ulrich Kühnen, Jacobs University Bremen

Monday, 28th October
Chair of the day: Darla Deardorff
09.00 - 13.00
Respect of human dignity and cultural diversity
• Universal human rights vs cultural diversity - Yvonne Donders, University of Amsterdam
• Learning to live together – Dealing with conflicting memories - Melisa Forić Plasto, Euroclio
• The stumbling block of religious differences in intercultural encounters - Diane Moore, Harvard University
• Humanistic vs commercial values within education and their impact on exchanges and intercultural learning - Hung Truong, University of Newcastle, Australia
• Values that support or counteract "learning to live together" and global competence (the work of the EU Commission Group on Common Values) - Barry van Driel, IAIE

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch on site

14.30 - 16.00 and 16.30 - 18.00 Five group discussions around the presentations in the morning. Each participant may attend two groups

20.00 Dinner at Hotel San Lorenzo

Tuesday, 29th October
Chair of the day: Uffe Gravers Pedersen
09.00 - 13.00
Concrete examples of teaching positive values
• Implementing value education in the work of CoE - Martyn Barrett, University of Surrey and Council of Europe
• Examples of reconciliation techniques - Pat Patfoort, Centre for Non-Violent Conflict Management
• Overcoming inter-religious prejudice – Matthew Lawrence, Tony Blair Foundation
• The NGO’s values-based approach in promoting global citizenship education in culturally diverse schools – Massimiliano Tarozzi, University of Bologna
• Values and Knowledge Education: The VaKE Method - Frédérique Brossard, University College Bergen

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch on site

14.30 - 16.00 Group discussions to reflect on previous day’s presentations, on today’s examples and on possible suggestions for the future.

16.30 - 17.30 Closing plenary session: reports from the groups and conclusions. Melissa Liles, AFS

18.30 Youth concert at Colle Museum

19.30 Aperitive

20.30 Tenth Forum Celebration Dinner in the Museum

Wednesday, 30th October

Departures
CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS:

Mattia Baiutti, Fondazione Intercultura
Lorenzo Barbadoro, Intercultura
Martyn Barrett, University of Surrey and Council of Europe
Ferruccio Biolcati, University of Milan
Flaminia Bizzarri, Intercultura
Veronica Boix Mansilla, Harvard University
Elisa Briga, EFIL
Frédérique Brossard, University College Bergen
Darla Deardorff, Duke University
Yvonne Donders, University of Amsterdam
Denise Farrar, CISV
Roberto Ferrero, Intercultura
Mitalene Fletcher, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Melisa Forić Plasto, Euroclio
Alberto Fornasari, University of Bari
Fabrice Gonet, EFIL
Elena Gorbikova, Intercultura Foundation Russia
Uffe Gravers Pedersen, AFS Denmark
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Marina Imperato, Italian Ministry of Education
Ulrich Kühnen, Jacobs University Bremen
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Joyce Monteiro, UNESCO Paris
Tarek Mostafa, OECD
Diane Moore, Harvard University
Hela Nafti, Tunisian Education and Resource Network
Eliana Papes, AFS Programas Interculturales Argentina and Uruguay
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Federica Piron, Human Foundation
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Participation fees

€490 in single occupancy rooms or € 390 in double occupancy rooms (all meals included from dinner on October 27th till breakfast on October 30th).

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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