

Hippokrates Program 2

MINUTES OF THE II EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

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1. Place

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3. Goals and objectives

- To carry out the II European Conference on the Prevention of Violence in Schools organized by the Alicante Provincial Government, so that an analysis can be carried out of strategies to be used to lessen the effects of youth violence.
- To promote a network of interested groups using a joint methodology which, on this occasion, included the collaboration of a group of students from the Socio-Cultural Promotion Team who served as conference staff.
- To hold meetings that were cosponsored by teachers from the Timoneda Association so that participants could continue to get to know one another and thereby find successful ways to continue to develop the network.

4. Commitments

Project partners are informed that the case book (didactic guide) has been published and will be sent to those schools, agencies and individuals that were agreed upon during the previous meetings.

6. Conference activities

More than 150 people representing from the fields of health care, education, public safety and security, and parent-teacher associations were in attendance. Training was accredited by means of a diploma issued by the Provincial Government of Alicante.

Conclusions reached:

Different activities have been carried out from the beginning of this project. The purpose of each of them was to foster shared knowledge, to exchange information among professionals, promote the coordinated development of different groups that have been using a variety of methodological approaches in different countries.

This first step of sharing knowledge based on practical experience at both the individual and the group level, has led to a restructuring of the initial stereotypes that are sometimes held about different professions and different groups of people.

This project has allowed us to develop a global perspective on multiculturalism and the specifics of everyday social and educational realities. All of our efforts and activities have enriched our work and broadened the methodological alternatives and solutions that have been attempted in many different disciplines.

Leisure Time:

To culminate our activities, we held a closing dinner for the project partners in an open Mediterranean setting. All participants expressed their desire to keep channels of communication open.

May the crucible of our relational and professional experiences sustain and foment the exchange of ideas through our network and allows us to continue to grow both professional and as human beings.

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Evaluation:

All planned activities were carried out as programmed. At the conclusion of the conference, an evaluation form was distributed to all participants by the project's outside evaluator.