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 FILE VII

The intercultural training of teachers: what, when, how?

Sub-topics

- Should intercultural learning be a separate subject in the curriculum of pupils or should it cut across all subjects?
- Which initial intercultural training should be available for teachers? methodologies? content? Should it be part of their in-service training?
- Which teachers should receive this training? foreign language? others? all?
- How to check/assess the outcome?
- Which is the role of governments, teacher training colleges, educational agencies: how to promote cooperation on these topics?
- How to promote teacher exchanges and partnerships?
- Examples of good practices

Desired outcomes

Proposals on:

- how teacher training could include a preparation for the task of transferring an intercultural mindset to pupils in school.
- how teachers can be given tools to provide intercultural learning opportunities for their pupils, esp. in secondary schools.

Venue

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

Opening night on Thursday, 3rd November

18:00 - 19:00
Arrivals and registration at Intercultura Foundation – Center for Intercultural Training - Via Gracco del Secco 100 – Colle Val d’Elsa

19:30
Dinner at Intercultura Foundation

21:00
Welcome to Intercultura Foundation and to Forum VII – Roberto Ruffino
Key note speech – Ken Cushner – Kent State University

Friday, 4th November

9:00
Presentations of some methodological approaches for ICL training:
Chair of the session: Uffe Gravers Pedersen

- Ildiko Lazar – Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- Ana-Maria Stan – European Commission
- Alicia Cabezudo – International Peace Bureau, Geneva
- Petra Daryai-Hansen – University of Copenhagen
- Carola Mantel - Pädagogische Hochschule, Zug

13:00
Lunch at Intercultura Foundation

14:30 - 16:30
Work on morning’s presentations: five discussion groups to identify issues that should be kept in mind when planning ICL for teachers. Facilitators:
- Group 1 – Mick vande Berg
- Group 2 – Uli Zeutschel
- Group 3 – Prue Holmes
- Group 4 – Tom Kurz
- Group 5 – Andrea Franzoi

17:00 - 18:00
Plenary session
Chair of the session: Uffe Gravers Pedersen
- Reports from the working groups.

Registration for following day's groups

20:00
Dinner
Saturday, 5th November

9:00 - 9:25
Plenary session
Chair of the session: Elisa Briga
• Short presentation of five case studies

9:30 - 11:00 and 11:30 -13:00
Some concrete case studies in two shifts:
• Group 1. Mercé Bernaus – Barcelona University (Emeritus Professor): “Supporting multilingual/multicultural classrooms”
• Group 3. Siobhan Sleeman – The DICE Project, Dublin
• Group 4. Dominique Granoux – OFAJ and in-service training of teachers through mobility projects, Berlin
• Group 5. Dana Mortenson – World Savvy, Minneapolis

13:00
Lunch at Intercultura Foundation

14:30 - 16:30
Five groups work on ideas to help promoting ICL in teachers’ training colleges, universities, in-service training, and with educational authorities. Facilitators:
• Group 1 – Mick vande Berg
• Group 2 – Uli Zeutschel
• Group 3 – Prue Holmes
• Group 4 – Tom Kurz
• Group 5 – Andrea Franzoi

16:30 - 17:30
Plenary session
Chair of the session: Melissa Liles
• Darla Deardorff, Duke University: conclusions of the Forum.

20:00
Dinner

Sunday, 6th November

Departures
VII FORUM ON INTERCULTURAL LEARNING AND EXCHANGE

Participants

Preparatory team:

- Roberto Ruffino - Fondazione Intercultura
- Elisa Briga - European Federation for Intercultural Learning
- Melissa Liles - AFS Intercultural Programs
- Darla Deardorff - Duke University
- Uffe Gravers Pedersen - Former Director of Sec. Education, Danish Ministry of Education

Confirmed speakers and experts:

- Mattia Baiutti - University of Udine / Fondazione Intercultura
- Ina Baumann - Ministry of education in Lower Saxony
- Milton Bennett - AFS Educational Advisory Council
- Mercé Bernaus - Barcelone University
- Verónica Boix Mansilla - Harvard University
- Angiolo Boncompagni - Italian Ministry of Education
- Alicia Cabezudo - International Peace Bureau, Geneva
- Ken Cushner - Kent State University
- Maria Luisa Damini - University of Padua
- Petra Daryai-Hansen - University of Copenhagen
- Hugo Daniel Estrella - University of Pisa
- Grazia Fassorra - Italian Principals’ Association
- Paolo Federighi - University of Florence
- Bettina Gehrke - SDA Bocconi, Milan
- Dominique Granoux - OFAJ, Berlin
- Prue Holmes - Durham University
- Josef Huber - Council of Europe
- Tom Kurz - Experiment in International Living
- Ildiko Lazar - Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
- Carola Mantel - Pädagogische Hochschule, Zug
- Susanna Mantovani - University of Milan
- Silvano Marseglia - AEDE
- Diana Mortenson – World Savvy
- Nagesh Rao – AFS Educational Advisory Council
- Angela Riviere – International Baccalaureate
- Siobhan Sleeman – The DICE Project, Dublin
- Ana-Maria Stan – European Commission, Unit ‘School and educators, multilingualism’, policy officer.
- Mick vande Berg – AFS Educational Advisory Council
- Fred Verboon – ESHA
- Uli Zeutschel - osb international systemic consulting, Hamburg
- Daniela Zunzer – EUROCLIO

Other confirmed participants:

- Kristien Adriannsen - Ecole Internationale Le Verseau, Belgium
- Rajesh Awasti - Choithram School, India
- Lorenzo Barbadoro - Intercultura, Italy
- Fran Baxter - AFS Australis
- Flaminia Bizzarri - Intercultura, Italy
- Gottfried Böttger - Paedagogical Exchange Service, Germany
- Sabrina Brunetti - Fondazione Intercultura
- Elisabetta Chemello - Intercultura, Italy
- Karen Depoortere - AFS Belgium
- Yan Di - AFS China
- Marie-Catherine Eraud - Lycee Gabriel Faure, France
- Andrea Franzoi - Intercultura, Italy
- Paolo Fusi - Liceo L. Rocci, Passo Corese (RI)
- Wiebke Hoffmann - InterCultur, Germany
- Gerda Jull Pedersen - AFS Denmark
- Nesrin Kacan - TKV, Turkey
- Evelyn Lloyd - Liceo T. Gulli, Reggio Calabria
- Miriam Meister - AFS Austria
- Magali Nerinx - AFS Belgium
- Noemie Pagan - AFS France
- Flavia Rossocci - Intercultura, Italy
- Eva Vitkova - AFS Intercultural Programs
- Dunja Zivanovic - AFS Serbia