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CYPRUS DISSEMINATION AND LEAD UP TO PILOT COURSE AND ROUND-TABLES

Following the transfer workshop in Cyprus, CONSTANTi has moved towards disseminating the ideals of Emotional Literacy methodologies and tools and the EL4VET project to a wider audience. Meetings with members from the Ministry of Education and Culture, the private Highgate School, the University of Nicosia, Intercollege, Demstar Training, KAYAD, AHDR, Cyprus Academic Dialogue, H4C, CCMC, Anthoupoli Primary School and Lakatamia High School have proved very fruitful in drumming up support for innovation in the education system and introducing Emotional Literacy methodologies and tools to a higher level in education, training and development. The aim being to gather enough support to be able to form a large enough group to create an island wide impact during the pilot course and upcoming round-tables. EL4VET has featured in conferences on education and development in Cyprus, featuring heavily in the events coordinated by the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research at the Home for Cooperation in the capital, Nicosia. The director of CONSTANTi, Costa Constanti, is a Member of the Board of Directors of this NGO.



The reaction towards the aims of EL4VET from the general public and the public servants and entrepreneurs approached was hesitant at first, but has gathered pace recently, especially following related political developments on the island. CONSTANTi has adapted its approach to allow for the maximum target audience possible, without losing the desired quality of the product. Interestingly, the Cypriot department in the Ministry of Internal Affairs responsible for the EU Presidency in Nicosia (July to December 2012) has approached CONSTANTi to assist in the introduction of Emotional Literacy related items into school curricular and staff training. Various media organisations have also taken an interest in this for their journalists.



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TRANSFER WORKSHOP IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



Transfer workshop within the project took place on 22nd - 23rd September in Ostrava, Czech Republic. Dr. Richard Majors and Robert Larkin introduced new phenomena – Emotional Literacy – in the country. First day of the workshop was dedicated to presentation of the Emotional Literacy – what EL is and the theoretical aspects of it. It was also focused on the needs of the participants - the usefulness of EL in adult education was discussed.

Second day of the workshop was focused on examples of good practice so the participants were informed about lecturers' experience from both work and life. Also the importance of eleven essential elements for being emotional literate was stressed and explained. Visitors enjoyed the atmosphere in a group, the topic itself and most of them confirmed that the workshop was really beneficial for them and they will definitely develop the knowledge and use it in their everyday life.



3RD EL4VET TEAM PROJECT MEETING – WOLVERHAMPTON – OCTOBER 2011

City of Wolverhampton hosted the international partnership of the EL4VET project in Wolverhampton, UK, on 20th and 21st October 2011. The team had a chance to discuss the development of the project thus far and to share ideas about the transfer workshops that each had held in their countries.

Together the team discussed the best results that came from the first year of the project and ways to develop further the project to reach the ultimate goal of a successful outcome. Together the team is now looking forward to the year ahead that includes piloting of the EL4VET project in each country and to disseminate the aims and goals of EL4VET as far and wide as possible.



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