

Dear colleagues,

We are in need of two or more partners for the project of which details are given below;

If you think Xenophobia is a serious problem for the future of our poor world and thinking about contributing on the peace of the cultures, why don't you join us. We are Swedish and Turkish teachers and working in highschools whose students are between 15-18 and looking for another one or two partners from countries e.g. UK, Germany, Greece, France, Spain, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Finland and Norway.

Here are the project details:

Well, we have been searching for a few more partners to start the project which is about building a peace bridge through friendships where we are planning to meet different cultures and customs to make students (the adults of next generation) more familiar about the "others".

As you have experienced before, people often think negatively or have many prejudices about the people of different cultures, which we could overcome by making them know each other better through friendships and sharing.

Through some activities like short-term student visits (or exchanges), teachers' project meetings art-music-science-religious-language- ICT competitions and collaboratively produced outputs (or documentations) like CDs, books, a website, teacher exchanges, workshops, exhibitions on world peace and cultural inheritances (the most rich element in Istanbul as we have the Hagia Sophia and the The original Cross of Jesus- rumor or real??- that is hidden in here, language preparation and European citizenship issues, we will hopefully realize the project to have a contribution to world's peace.

I, born in Germany, am a 10 years experienced language teacher at a public school where about 2000 students and 100 teachers exist, we are in a suburban area and it is just 30 minutes driving to the centre of the tourism. I have had successful preparatory visits on the project before (please view www.erginsendagontheroad.blogspot.com) and now ready to start.

We would be very happy if you join us to contribute the idea of meeting people of different cultures for the world's peace, as xenophobia is a serious threat in EU.

What you should do and answer before we start are;

- 1) Give a brief explanation if/why you have the problem/interest in Xenophobia in your school?
- 2) How participative could you be if the project lasts two years, thinking your availability & seriousness ?
- 3) Is it OK for you and some of your students to travel within the official project?
- 4) Do you think we could sometimes all meet on MSN or skype to plan the strategy until we have all completed the essential documents before the deadline which is at the end of next January in near all countries.
- 5) Can you fill in the partner form and send us through soon?

Best wishes from Istanbul where the continents meet for Peace.