SYMPOSIUM THEORY AND PRACTICE: Global Learning in the Context of South-North School Partnerships

GYMNASIUM STROMBERG (GERMANY) – CSP ADJEGOUNLE (BENIN): SCHOOL’S PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE GLOBAL LEARNING

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7 years of partnership
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7 years of schools exchanges between Gymnasium Stromberg (Germany) and CSP Adjegounlè (Benin)
This partnership is currently organised participatively: students, teachers, staff, NGO... working together simultaneously in Benin and in Germany
This partnership is focused successively on global learning issues such as:

- biodiversity
- children rights
- waste management.
On each focus preparation in Germany and Benin: knowledges, global and local concerns, didactic aspects, learnings...

Preparation based on intercultural learnings, intercultural buildings, life skills...
Strategies of implementation

Concrete achievement as results:
theater, diary, class lessons, mutual didactic output, lifelong learnings, film...

Trips:
1/ students and teachers from Germany to Benin
2/ students and teachers from Benin to Germany
Participants made didactic activities together in schools

Participants lived in families

Participants shared intercultural experiences

Participants produced media events, theatre, diary...
Getting success: main conditions

Conditions of success in these school’s exchanges are the following: ......
Getting success: main conditions

Teachers and students’ openness to intercultural learning
Getting success: main conditions

Living together without erasing differences and critical thinking
Getting success: main conditions

Focusing exchanges on global issues and daily life of stakeholders.
Mutualisation and well balanced cooperation between partners
Getting success: main conditions

Real partnership not domination, not assistance!!!
Beyond visits and activities: various learnings and self-buildings aspects

After several years of schools exchanges experiences, various lessons are gained by stakeholders:......
Beyond visits and activities: ............

TEACHERS

Claudia
Most useful things I ever did during my 30 years as a teacher: learning by practice, working together, learning to trust in each others capacities and human qualities

Benjamin
and Cyr
We got how to know each other by sharing experiences on common focus and didactic approach on global issues
Beyond visits and activities: ..........

**TEACHERS**

**Eugene**

We got how to know each other by sharing experiences on common focus and didactic approach on global issues (Benjamin and Cyr)

I got wider understanding of human being

**Nora**

Partnership with Benin is so strong to discover another culture, to learn from another perspectives.
Beyond visits and activities: ...........

I faced challenging context and understood how interconnected we are.

The project Stromberg-Gymnasium-CSP Adjégounlè opened my eyes to the reality of our planet and influenced my choice of studies.
Beyond visits and activities: ...........

STUDENTS

Carine

This partnership enabled my openness to the world.

Ruth

We like and appreciate this partnership because it allows us to learn and to experience other culture we didn’t really know. Moreover this partnership permits us to discover things that happen all over in the world.
Beyond visits and activities: ...........

Sarah

I've learned more about culture during this practical meeting with students from Benin than in years of theoretical school lessons.

Léonie and Tatjana

This experience to learn about other possibilities of being and living was one of the most important experience in my biography.
Beyond visits and activities: ...........

What are your profits regarding these exchanges and partnerships??

Students (from Germany and Benin) replied:
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**What are my profits regarding exchanges and partnership?**

- Living special intercultural exchanges and experiences
- Getting friendships
- Getting some new knowledges about another country and about Africa
What are my profits regarding exchanges and partnership

- Living unique experiences that will be used as a guide of orientation in the world
- Getting opportunities to adopt new perspectives, new mentality
- The ideas I got about Africa is partially confirmed. But many things changed completely: I learnt many essential things about the world.
Final Statement

7 years of partnership
7 years of exchanges
7 years of mutual understandings
7 years of concrete achievements
7 years of glocal learning
7 years of taking actions in Benin and in Germany
Final Statement

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THANKS

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