

Special School “SAINT NICHOLAS”, Bucharest, Romania Short-term joint staff training event for implementing non-formal activities and games for inclusion of students with mental disability

11th - 15th of December

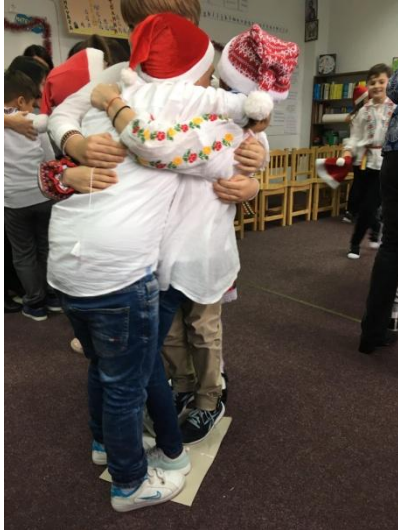
Between 11th and 15th of December, another meeting of the Non4mal 4All project was held in Romania with the representatives of all the partner countries of this project (Hungary, Turkey, Norway, Portugal, Estonia and our hosting country, Romania). The purpose of this meeting was to learn about the educational practices and non-formal methodologies used to promote inclusion, to implement informal learning practices into the formal learning environment, then share all of these among the related partners.



We started our first day in “Saint Nicholas” Special School, where Mr. Adrian Cosma, Inspector for Special Education in Bucharest, gave us a brief presentation of the special education and school inclusion system for students with special educational needs. We visited “Saint Nicholas” Special School and had the opportunity to meet the students and teachers. The school has 5 kindergarten groups, 8 primary classes and 10 secondary classes. It also offers educational support for pupils with disabilities (Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, TSA and other affections or behaviour problems).

We participated in the annual Christmas fair at the school, where kids from mainstream schools were also visiting.

After that we went to “Ionel Teodoreanu” inclusive mainstream school where we attended at an arts and crafts lesson and we also went to another class where we can see the children play a Christmas game. We also heard some nice Christmas songs and traditional dances.



On the second day we went to “Ienachita Vacarescu” inclusive mainstream school where we have seen games in the breaks.

After that we heard about “National Strategy for Community Action- SNAC ”- where we have seen their best practices in non-formal activities for students with special needs volunteering program.



In the afternoon we saw the Music and Dance Show “Waiting for Christmas...” at National Palace of Children in Bucharest where groups of children with disabilities and volunteers from mainstream schools took part in this show. The children were dancing and singing together.



In the evening we had a nice dinner together in Jaristea Restaurant with the team.



On the 13th of December we were visiting “ Strop de Roua” inclusive mainstream kindergarten. We were observing practical non-formal activities with inclusive groups of children: “Fun science” ,“Story of the musical sounds”, “Revealing what I feel, I can, I want”.

In the afternoon we participated in an activity with a group of pupils from mainstream School no. 190 and no.79, at “ Ion Creanga” Library called “Another kind of Toy Story”.





On Thursday we took a trip to Busteni with the special needs kids from different mainstream schools and volunteers. We played some cooperative games and had a nice lunch at the Monastery.



The last day was about discussing our experiences during the week and making our own conclusions.

Thank you for the opportunity,

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