



# **Activities in Torredembarra (Spain)**

### **BEFORE THE LEARNING ACTIVITY**

## Video Same but different

### Aim

We wanted our students to start to be involved in the project.

## Description

Several students coming from abroad explain the differences they encountered in respect with the local culture. The activity involved many students of the school, recording and editing videos, commenting them and so on.

#### **Results**

Here there is a link with the videos that we get as a result.

https://tinyurl.com/ya3syhxg

In watching and discussing the videos later with the students, all the cultural differences were unveiled.

## Non violence day

### Aim

To discuss the sources of violence and the troubles it causes.

### Description

We started several activities in groups (talks, discussions, research of information) concerning violence. At the end of these activities the students had to create a poster against violence from different points of view.

#### Result

Following this link:

https://tinyurl.com/y73e8tszl

in the entries of February 2017 you will find the different posters they have created.





### **DURING THE LEARNING ACTIVITY**

## The identity roulette

### Aim

Warm-up activity, students break the ice and get familiar with their names.

## Description

Students make two groups and stay in circles. One "blind" student stands in the middle of the circle, turns around and points to a student in the circle (at the beginning it's enough with pointing, then the blind student should call the other student's name). The two students standing on the left and on the right of the pointed student have to say quickly each others names. Whoever says the others student name last, is out of the game and has to sit down.

Remaining only two students they can make a duel, back to back, they walk five steps and who says first the others name, wins.

After one round, students can change groups, or play the whole class. In case of whole class, the blind student calls the pointed student's name, so there is no confusion.

### Results

Students started to know each other. We got the aim of the activity although we think it should be shorter, since we spent too much time doing this activity and at the end students were starting to get bored.

















## The stereotypes tree of life

### Aim

Students can identify and talk about everyday life stereotypes and can produce conclusions / statements in order to overcome them. Students work in groups and elaborate a stereotypes tree containing: adjectives describing stereotypes on the roots, actions to overcome stereotypes on the trunk, and values or attitude as results of the actions.

## Description

Part1: Relationships game. 30 min.

## Vocabulary and material

Stereotypes	Values, skills, attributes
Superficial	Courage
Fake	Generosity
Troublemaker	Kindness
Nerd	Норе
Artist	Honesty
Class clown	Acceptance
Social outcast	Fairness
Gay	Justice
Immigrant	Tolerance
Shy	Pluralism
Old	Positiveness
Young	Creativity
Religious	Hospitability
Negative	Dignity
Positive	Loyalty
Funny	Consideration
Dominant	Awareness
Poor	Reflection
Rich	Cooperation
Gangster	Responsibility
Mean	Citizenship
Dirty	Non-discrimination

Stereotypes	Values, skills, attributes
Liar	Enrichment
Helpful	Feelings
Talkative	Humanity
Talented	Friendship
Indifferent	Perseverance
Addicted	Patience
Ignorant	Compassion
Perfectionist	Creativity
Idiot	Integrity
Annoying	Hard work
Latin	Opportunity
Messy	Forgiveness
Successful	Strength
Victim	Comprehension
Athletic	Determination
Envious	Trust
Racist	Sense of humour
Sexist	Initiative
Posh	Common sense
black/white	
Vulnerable	
Traditional	

Teacher prepares small cards with adjectives related to stereotypes (see list of vocabulary) and sticks them to the student's fronts or backs, so that they can't see them. Students have 5 minutes to make pairs: choose a partner for a trip. They cannot tell each other what's on the partner's card.





Students answer questions: Why did you choose him/her? What's the difference between you? How can you fix these differences? What qualities do you need for your trip partner? Have you chosen/rejected for what's on the card? Why?

Now they can all know their adjectives and conclude about the elections of the partners.



Part 2: Inclusion/Exclusion game: 15 Min.

Students keep the cards on and play the musical chairs game. Two groups of 20.

First they play *exclusion* and take the chairs out one by one. Teacher monitors who (what adjective) is out each time. Then they play inclusion, adding one student on the same number of chairs. Teacher monitors who helps who to find a place.

Conclude choices and results.

**Part 3**: classify stereotypes. 15 min. Students classify stereotypes in up to 5 groups: cultural, gender, social, race, nationality/religion). Students make 5 groups and try to find values that can help overcoming them. Teacher offers feedback vocabulary, cards with vocabulary for values /attitudes (see list vocabulary).

**Part 4**: 15 min. In groups, students write names of stereotypes on the roots of the paper tree and the values on the leaves. Then they decide what actions can be done to overcome a stereotype and link it to a value. They write the actions on the trunk. Teacher monitors vocabulary.





**Part 5**: 30 min. Students make groups related to the classified stereotypes and work on slogans to overcome those stereotypes using vocabulary and concepts from the tree, and write the slogans around the tree. Conclude on the results.

### **Results**

Students were really involved in this activity and they were able to reflect on nowadays situations. The problem was the space. Part 1 and part 2 of this task should have been done outdoors although the weather conditions did not allow us, since in January, in the very early morning, it is too cold.



Mathematical quiz

### Aim

Students must interrelate among them since they are in groups of 5 (one person from each country). After having played all the mathematical games students become aware that there are no barriers or frontiers in the mathematical world since the world of numbers is a universal language that everybody understands.

## Description

There were six corners and in each corner, each group of 5 students had to solve different types of mathematical problems. The corners were the following:

- 1. Mental Calculation Corner
- 2. Mental Arithmetic Corner:
- 3. **Mystery Corner:** Students had to solve some problems making use of logic.





- 4. **Manipulative Corner:** Students had to solve some problems making use of several manipulative tools.
- 5. **Tangram Corner:** Students had to form the shapes of five different animals using the seven pieces that form the well known Chinese game: Tangram
- 6. **Games around the world Corner:** In this section teenagers had to play real games from around the world (again there are no frontiers in games since they are universal). All the boards or table tops needed for playing the games and the counters were made by our students.

The rules of the games were explained by our students so it means that they had to create them, understand the rules and be able to communicate the rules of the games to the participants.

### **Results**

Students were really engaged solving the quizzes



Radio programme

### Aim

Students must interrelate and work together in groups and reflect about the differences and similarities they find among the different cultures that participate in the project in terms of music and traditions. Since it is the last day of the learning activity it is also intended to summarize somehow their experiences during this week-





## Description

During their stay in Torredembarra our students had to interview students from the rest of the countries about their traditions and typical and famous music from the past and from nowadays. The last day of the learning activity students recorded a radio programme in which they talked about the aspects above mentioned. This activity was one of the two final products of the learning activity in Torredembarra

#### Results

The result was really good. Students were really involved in the radio programme.

You can hear the programme following this link:

https://goo.gl/fymvSR



Cube of cultures elaboration

### **Aim**

Students must work in groups in order to reinforce even more their interpersonal relationships.

Material: 8 wooden cubes, pictures, scissors, duct tape.

## Description

As a final product of the learning activity students made our called cube of cultures, a multipicture cube. During the learning activity in Torredembarra students were asked to take many pictures of the places, aspects, people etc that really attracted their





attention since they finally got to put the pictures in a template first, secondly print it and finally cut them in order to glue them on each side of a wooden cube.

### **Results**

Not everybody could finish their cube since it was the last day and it is a thorough going task. However, all of them could take all the material needed and finish it at home.



## **Bookmark**

The students and teachers of foreign countries were given an original and nice bookmark made by the Visual and Arts students from the Institut Torredembarra with the title of our Project.







## Visit to the roman ruins in Tarragona

### Aim

Knowing in a deeper way our cultural roots.

## **Description**

Students attended to a cultural visit. They had the opportunity to understand how was life in roman times (politics, how gladiators fought in the circus, daily life, etc) and visit the most important roman monuments: "El pont del diable" where there you can find an important aqueduct, The forum where the all the politics issues took place, amphitheatre, the walls, the archaeological museum and the most important streets of the old part of the town.

### **Results**

Everything was as expected. The gladiators' performance made by some of the teachers and students really liked them



Visit to Barcelona (Sagrada Familia and the old part of the town called *El* Born)

### Aim

Knowing in a deeper way our cultural roots.





## Description

A visit to Sagrada Familia and a guided walk from *El Born* to Plaça Catalunya allowed us to get in touch with the origins of this gorgeous city.

### **Results**

Everything was as expected. Students' attention was caught by the guide explanations. Students from all the countries really enjoyed and interrelate among them.



Knowing our culture: cultural demonstration of our local celebrations

## **Aim**

Show certain aspects of our culture, how do we celebrate our local festivals.

## Description

We had the opportunity to be acquainted with a taste of our cultural roots. Moreover, some of the local students were part of this wonderful performance.

## **Results**

Everything was as expected. Students were really involved in the activities.







You can watch and download a video of the demonstration here: https://goo.gl/Xegrcb (or with a higher resolution here: https://goo.gl/3Cp5Gd).

## **Knowing our surroundings**

### Aim

Reinforce relationships among students and knowing even better our culture, our village, the landscapes.

## Description

## Torredembarra at length

We organized a 10 km. Orientation Race along Torredembarra. Divided by groups, the students had to find the clues to answer several questions. Time and precision were necessary to win the race. But not only winning counted: there was also the pleasure of knowing the village in a very sunny and nice day.

## Results

The activity was motivating but we noticed that it should have taken place at the beginning of the learning activity and not at the end since students were quite tired and they did not hurry up doing the activities as they should. It was a contest!!











# News on our project

Apart from all the activities that teachers and students prepared for this learning activity, our school community ant the local press tried to spread all the tasks that our project have done.

1. School magazine article. Link: https://goo.gl/Yd3PT6



2. School magazine article. Link: https://goo.gl/NMrUPz





Durant el mes d'Octubre, dues de les professores del centre, en aquest cas la Mônica Oppi i la Patricia Orcajo, han viagita a Mônica Oppi i la Patricia Orcajo, han viagita a Mônica Oppi i la Patricia Orcajo, han viagita a Mônica de la Tobas es amb representants d'instituts de Dinamarca Itália, Portuga i Alemanya. El motiu de la trobasica para preparant el projecte Erzamus en el qua participa el nostre centre, i gue en sa estat concedit per al bienni 2016-2018. Des de la revisita Artino, vam nariar amb la professora.

revista Antino, vam parlar amb la profess Patrícia Orcajo per tal d'assabentar-nos d'alguns detalls del viatge, i del projecte.

La Mònica i tu vau anar a una reunió per al projecte Erasmus, on vau anar? A Ratingen (Alemanya). És un municipi de l'estat de Renània, a Nord-Westfalia. De què tracta l'Erasmus?

És un projecte de treball coperatiu entre diferents centres europeus i consisteix que alumnes d'aquests centres, com és el cas del nostre, us comuniqueu i feu un treball conjunt i finalment que hi hagi un intercarvi finalment que hi hagi un intercarvi

On i quan tindran lloc els intercanvis? El primer intercanvi serà al mes de març, serà a Ratingen mateix; i el segon a Dinamarca. Després queden pendents els de Portugal, Itàlia i el d'aquí a Torredembarra; encara estem fixant

Els alumnes seleccionats, què han hagut de fer per ser escollits? Treball. l'ESO, s'han escollit alumnes pel seu expedient acadèmic, per nota... i, en cas d'empat, s'ha agafat la nota de la llengua anglesa; i en cas de seguir amb empat, la llengua del segon idioma com l'alemanu al francèr.

A partir d'ara hauran de fer alguna feina prèvis al moment de l'intercamit E una feina d'una durada de dos amys aproximadament, ara ja han començat amb un redactat presentant-se, i després hauran de parlar del centre i del poble. Torredembarra. Hauran de fer una bateria de preguntez... Tenen molta

Què creus que sporta el projecte al alumnes? I a l'Institut Torredembarra? Una experiència increible perqui coneixes unes altres cultures, una altr manera de treballar, ampliem món mises.

Nosaltres agraim a Patricia Orcajo que ens hagi dedicat el seu temps per explicar-nos e





3. News in the Baix Gaià newspaper. Link: https://goo.gl/z1tDqQ



4. News in the Diari de Tarragona newspaper. Link: https://goo.gl/xnqE4k







5. News in the Diari Més newspaper. Link: https://goo.gl/yiUgzP



You can also find this information (and much more information related to our project) in our website:



https://sites.google.com/a/instorredembarra.cat/erasmusplus/4th-activity-learning