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and other interested people

Invitation

to *IPLE's 23rd International Seminar*

“Productive Learning – Challenges for educators in daily work”

Seminar in Berlin – Germany, 1st to 5th of November 2011

Dear Madam, Sir,
dear colleagues and friends,

the *Institute for Productive Learning (IPLE)* invites you to participate in *IPLE's 23rd International Seminar on “Productive Learning – Challenges for educators in daily work”* which will be held from 1st to 5th of November 2011 in Berlin.

The seminar is addressed to European teachers, career counsellors and educators who work with the methods of *Productive Learning*. We expect the participation of about 40 educators from different European countries.

Productive Learning and its challenges

Productive Learning is learning on the basis of practical experiences gained in practice “real life” - in placements, chosen by young people themselves. *Productive Learning* combines general education with individual vocational orientation realizing the following principles:

- Individualisation of curriculum: Students follow their individual interests how to participate in social life.
- Integration of practical activities into learning: Students develop questions and themes on the basis of experiences at their practice placements.
- Culture / school subjects as tools: Students use contents of school subjects for preparing, performing and reflecting their practical experiences.

All participants in *Productive Learning* are faced with new challenges. Students have to take more responsibility for their own educational process; they have to develop and reflect upon their personal interests, they have to learn how to structure and evaluate this process.

To learn in a different way also means to teach differently. Working in a team, counselling individual learning processes, developing individual curricula, building bridges between practice and theory - *PL*-educators have to make themselves familiar with a lot of new tasks in order to establish an adequate role and relation to the students. The participants will get the opportunity to exchange their experiences and to find together solutions for difficult situations in daily work concerning the following fields:

- Role and tasks of a *PL*-educator
- Individual Counselling
- Working in a team
- Group Work

The methods of the seminar will be: theme-oriented interaction, case studies, group work, individual counselling, visiting Berlin schools realizing *Productive Learning*.

Seminar program

Tuesday, 1st of November 2011

09:00 Opening of the seminar

- Key speech
- Ice breaking activities

11:00 Workshops: Short introduction to the topics, building groups

- WS 1: Role and tasks of a *PL*-educator – how to deal with new challenges
- WS 2: Individual Counselling in *Productive Learning*
- WS 3: Working in a team – team development in *Productive Learning*
- WS 4: Group Work in *Productive Learning* – chances, traps and innovations

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Workshops 1-4

17:00 End of the seminar

19:00 Welcome dinner

Wednesday, 2nd of November 2011

09:00 School visits - *Productive Learning* in Berlin

12:30 Lunch at schools

14:00 Students show their “Kiez” - exploration of the environment of the schools

17:00 End of the day

Thursday, 3rd of November 2011

09:00 Continuation of workshops 1-4
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Continuation of workshops 1-4
17:00 End of the day

Friday, 4th of November 2011

09:00 Presentation market - results of the workshops and school visits
12:30 Lunch
15:00 Symposium "*Productive Learning* – looking back – looking forward
Productive Learning within the framework of international educational development"
18:00 Reception - 20 years *Institute for Productive Learning in Europe*
Farewell dinner

Saturday, 5th of November 2011

09:00 Evaluation of the seminar
10:30 Exploring the city: Sightseeing Berlin
13:00 End of the seminar

Hotel accommodation

We have got an option on the hotel rooms until end of September at Hotel Pension Delta which is close to our Institute (see registration form). We can help you to find hotels in different categories so that you can make your choice.

Please send us your registration form in time and please do not hesitate to contact Viola Paeschke for further information, for any question or help:
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We send you our kindest regards looking forward to welcome you in November 2011 in Berlin.



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