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UPDATE ON THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL INEPS YOUTH CONGRESS

YIPPIE!

INEPS Youth Congress will take place in Stockholm this spring! The application for the 7th International INEPS Youth Congress went off well. It means that young people from eleven countries will meet during one week in Stockholm. The countries that signed in are: Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, USA, Russia and Sweden. Students and staff at Fogelströmska and Kvarngymnasiet are cooperating in hosting the Congress.



The Swedish Finnish Exchange Group

STUDENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN SWEDEN AND FINLAND

When we arrived in Finland the first thing I noticed was that it was very, very cold. One of the teachers from the Finnish school, Jussi, came to airport and picked us up in a mini van. He drove us to our hotel where we were given time to settle down.

The next day we went to the Finnish school and met the Finnish students for the first time, we had some competitions with the Finnish students. To get to know each other we were supposed to write three sentences about ourselves and then the Finnish students were supposed to guess who wrote what.

At first the Finnish students were very shy and mostly talked with their friends but when we went on the bus to go the fair in Jyvasyala, Anita started to talk to some of the students.

We arrived at the fair 3 hours later, we walked around and looked at all the stuff they showed there. Then we went back to Riihimaki and we talked to the students a bit more and we decided to meet up later.

The next day we interviewed the Finnish students and they interviewed us and we made some more friends. The last day we went bowling with the students and had a great evening. So it wasn't just all work and no play. We have exchanged e-mail addresses with some of the students so we can keep in touch. From 7 students at Fogelstromska: Angelica, Anita, Soner, Mohammed, Emma, Tina, Andrija.

The trip is part of a EU funded project within the Sokrates program. Students from Fogelstromska, Vilafranca and Riihimaki use the mirror-method to compare and understand social conditions in different countries. Vilafranca is coordinator and will put all results in a web page. You will soon hear more about this project.
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TIMELY SUPPORT FROM THE INEPS NETWORK HELPS KEEP NEW YORK ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS AND BRIDGES PROGRAM REFORM PROGRAMS ALIVE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our INEPS colleagues who answered the New Yorkers' call for support in saving the Alternative Superintendency and the International Bridges Program. Although it is still too early to predict the final outcome at least your letters and E Mails brought to the attention of the Chancellor and others in power the crucial work that the Superintendency and International Bridges is doing. Because of this they have opened up a dialogue that hopefully will lead to the continuance of the best practices of alternative education and international cooperation. We will keep you in informed of any new developments. Again thank you for your timely support.



The answer to last month's quiz picture was Paris. Nobody responded. Not even the Parisians!!