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## INEPS Youth Congress 2003 STOCKHOLM

\* The logo shows the Windmill from Kvamgymnasiet and the Balloon from Fogelstramska gymnasiet. These two INEPS schools cooperated to make the Youth Congress come true. The Congress was partly sponsored by Youth for Europe.

The 7th INEPS International Youth Congress turned out to be a BIG SUCCESS.

What else when INEPS people meet? When I write this all the participants are on their way back to their home countries - TIRED AND HAPPY. They will soon arrive in Brandenburg, Berlin, Patras, Pecs, Kuopio, Jyväskylä, Vilafranca del Penedes, New York City, Moscow. The students from Kvamgymnasiet and Fogelstramska do not have to travel - but are busy completing the final work after this big event.

The theme of the Congress was IDENTITY. Four cheers for all young people. They have during the 7th INEPS International Youth Congress shown that Youth Identity goes far beyond all borders.

The congress was a joyful and happy event. As organizers we are really satisfied and happy, although the Swedish April-weather was awful with snow and cold winds.

We will now read the evaluations from the participants and let you know the general view on the Congress.

Till then we want to say a warm and big THANK YOU to all the students. You were really great. Your open minded participation and the fantastic way you dealt with all new situations was brilliant. You made an important part of INEPS history by coming to Stockholm with all your enthusiasm and responsibilities to the program.

And you leaders - you were great. Thank you sooooo much. We loved to cooperate with you. With your help we all could feel confident and be relaxed and easy in our minds. Long live our network and the Youth Congresses Kvamgymnasiet and Fogelstramska gymnasiet.

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This is a message from one of the Peace Playground students from the US in Stockholm.

*Hello guys,*

*Anna, Renee, Rosa and I are having a great time. There are students here from Germany, Spain, Hungary, Greece, and Russia. We're getting to know people from all over, and conversing on the topic of "Identity." Stockholm is an interesting city, and we already found the coolest cafe with a politically minded and socially active crowd (also of people from around the world). We got to explore the city on our own yesterday - I was with the three other girls I came with, a really cool woman from the Bronx who has been traveling around Europe for about three years (right out of high school) as a photographer working with the network of schools that is hosting this conference, and a Hungarian who couldn't find the group going back to the hostel and got lost (he doesn't really speak English, but he tries so hard, and he learns very quickly). I'm surprised how many immigrants there are in Sweden. There are people who are from all over, and people whose parents are from all over. Anyway, I'll tell you all more later, and show you pictures. All my love, Margaret*

Our next issue will feature highlights of the INEPS Congress in Finland.

**IN JUNE : HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INEPS CONGRESS IN FINLAND**

### New technologies and alternative education in order to fight against school failure

Due to the detected problems in secondary education (school absenteeism, violence,) during 2001, the Town Council of Vilafranca del Penedes (Catalonia, Spain) promoted a project for the creation of Productive Learning Modules in Vilafranca High Schools, through the Productive Learning Institute (IDAP), basing themselves on similar experiences which have taken place for years now in other European and American countries.

Mití Fontanals High School has been the first centre to accept the proposal, so that during this scholar year 2002-2003 we have already started working in the implementation of this Productive Learning Module for in danger students, through the wide use of the new technologies. This is the first experience with this characteristics that takes place in our country. During 2004 we have planned to organize the INEPS Congress in Vilafranca and we hope that this will be a very good occasion to let the experience to be known as well as to debate the results of this work.

Josep Alsina, Vilafranca