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Mª Teresa Ferre (Mite)

Teacher's Seminar

## The Institute of Educational Sciences Finished the First Productive Learning Seminar in Barcelona

From March to May 2007, IDAP has been on charge to develop a Seminar of Productive Learning in the Institute of Educational Sciences that belongs to the University of Barcelona. This seminar, which was 6 days long, was addressed to teachers of secondary schools who are interested in new educational approaches or professionals who are just working with disadvantaged students but without any solid methodological system.

This seminar has been the result of the persistent task of Mª Teresa Ferre (Mite) inside the Educational Department of the Catalan Government. This woman, who took part in the INEPS Congress in Wernigerode, has set her heart on promoting Productive Learning in the administration. She was also a participant in the seminar because she is a worried teacher working in a school as well.

Included in the seminar program we proposed to the participants a practical activity in group focused in the design of a project of implementation of a Module of Productive Learning in their own schools. As an unforeseen result for us, three schools of Barcelona country decided to implement the project in a real way in the next course.

As you could see, the perspectives for Productive Learning in the Catalan Educational System are very good. With this aim we are working... step by step... with a slow but firm pathway.



IE Milai Fontanals students



IES Alternative Penedes students



Student Projects including from top to bottom: a doll's house, display case and barbecue grill



## IDAP Ends Successfully Productive Learning in Secondary Schools

"Productive Learning in Secondary Education" is nowadays the star program, which is developed by IDAP in secondary schools. This scholar year 2006-07 means for our institution to close for the first time the educational activity in three schools with good results for the students in all of them and, at the same time, that means continuity and empowerment for PL.

In this program 60 firms belong to 26 professional fields have collaborated with us with the purpose of offering practical experiences to the students. The students have made besides interesting products, theoretical searches, reports, presentations and so on. Today, end of June, more than 30 students are happy because, in a high percentage, they have received certification in this stage of compulsory education with the possibility to continue their studies in professional education or other alternatives such as to start in a job. They are grateful to Productive Learning and encouraged to continue with their lives with renewed energy and self-esteem.