



We would like to share the end of year message from IPLE with all our INEPS Readers

Dear Educators of *Productive Learning*,
Dear friends,

As in every Advent season, we take a look back to the last year and to what happened and was developed that influenced and affected our work at *IPLE*.

This year started with an outstanding public event in Schwerin „Wirtschaft trifft Schule“ („Industry meets School“). This was the starting point for another 19 new projects in *Productive Learning* in Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania. With the start of the school year 2008/09 the federal land of Saxony established seven Projects of *Productive Learning*. The other federal lands continued their successful work. Due to this expansion we complemented our team with new colleagues to enrich the institute with their specific competencies.

At the same time, we were able to develop our international work, too. Several international seminars were held abroad. Schools and institutions in Bulgaria, Lithuania, Moldavia, the Netherlands and Romania could be won for *Productive Learning*. Currently we are working out a project plan with our Dutch partners to implement *Productive Learning* from the beginning of the next year in the Netherlands.

During the international seminar held in Vilafranca del Penedes, Catalonia, two thirds of the multinational participants from nine different European countries were new educators in *Productive Learning*. Our family is growing again!

We are confidently looking forward to the New Year 2009. Particularly the increasing demand on *Productive Learning* both in Germany and abroad is encouraging. Furthermore, we have had the chance to reactivate the cooperation with our “flagship” the *City-As-School* in New York. The new director Antoniette Scarpinato contacted us. Moreover, she is interested to join the *INEPS Network*.

At this stage, we are looking forward to the *INEPS Congress* which takes place from May 3rd till 9th 2009 in Helsinki, Finland. We have gained many new partners in *Productive Learning*. We hope to meet many of you again to continue our successful involvement in *Productive Learning*.

We wish all of you a jolly holiday season and hope that you will find time to relax and to devote some time to the things that are so easily left behind in every day routine.

Spend some time with your loved ones, and reenergize for the challenges ahead.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

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