



At this time may we extend to all our readers and members of INEPS a joyful and healthy Holiday and New Year



Students from Schwerin in front of their banner reading "We are the future!"

12th Forum of Productive Learning in Schwerin

It was time again for the 12th Forum of Productive Learning (PL) to be held in Schwerin's Castle on November 6th and 7th.

The overall topic was: **Up to now, 70 to 80 percent of PL-students managed to get their graduation.** Henry Tesch, the Secretary of Education of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, is very proud of this result and announced to expand Productive Learning further in 2013.

PL can be found at 25 schools in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Henry Tesch believes in this form of education and told the Federal Forum that two sites will be added, to allow more students access to PL. Currently, some 784 students are registered in our state, nationwide there are around 2000.

In 1996 the idea swept from New York to Berlin for the time being.

In Schwerin Productive Learning has been offered since 2008, starting with 16 students and their two teachers Frau Keul and Frau Schickel. In the same year a second class with 19 pupils and the teachers FRau Lark and Frau Buchholz was established.

On Friday, November 6, 2009 5 students and two teachers from PL, Schwerin participated in the 12th Forum of Productive Learning and presented their location. Maria (17), Robin (16) and the project manager Frau Schickel also attended the press conference. From 1:00 -1:30 PM a luncheon was held, followed by six workshops ending around 5 p.m.

The forum ended with students and teachers dining in the "Potato House".

Evaluating their experience the students said that they *„...never thought that you can have so much fun with teachers“* and how proud they are to be in Productive Learning no matter what others say about it. Productive Learning is a school-project that finally takes time and respect for the students. *„After a year in PL we students can't think of anything better than that!“*

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