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Invitation

to IPLE's 24th International Seminar

***“Reflective learning – development of competencies:
How to work with a portfolio in Productive Learning”***

Seminar in Rostock – Germany, 5th to 9th of November 2012

Dear Madam, Sir,
dear colleagues and friends,

the *Institute for Productive Learning (IPLE)* invites you to participate in IPLE's 24th International Seminar on “*Reflective learning – development of competencies: How to work with a portfolio in Productive Learning*” which will be held from 5th to 9th of November 2012 in the city of Rostock at the Baltic Sea.

The seminar is addressed to European teachers, career members and educators working in the field of general education, interested in *Productive Learning* and in supporting self-determined learning processes.

What is *Productive Learning* and why is reflective learning so important for this educational approach?

Productive Learning is learning on the basis of experiences gained in practice placements, chosen by young people themselves according to their interests. Activities in real-life social situations are the starting point for the educational process. *Productive Learning* teachers/educators work as counsellors supporting the students by initiating an autonomous and independent educational process.

In a self-determined learning process it is important for students to reflect their learning experiences. Traditional school settings do not prepare students for this task. Thus they need support in building up an awareness of how they have learned when they are active and participate in the daily chores at their different practical placements. In this perspective reflective learning is mainly a process and a practice of self-understanding, in which personal meaningful learning objects emerge and can be developed to structure an individual curriculum.

By investigating learning experiences in their own educational practice the participants will go through a process of recognizing important personal learning experiences. They will practice different methods of reflecting and documentation and build up examples of portfolios. Beyond this they will discuss the distinguishing features of this assignment and the new qualities of reflective learning as a part of *Productive Learning* approach.

Seminar program

2012, 11, 05, 1st day: Day of orientation	
9.00 – 12.00	Opening of the seminar and seminar program Ice breaking activities Introduction into <i>Productive Learning</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 15.00	Introduction into Seminar topic: Working with portfolios in a self-determined learning process
15.00 – 18.00	Exploring the city with students of <i>Productive Learning</i> projects
20.00	Welcome Dinner
2012, 11, 06, 2nd day: Day of basic reflective activities	
9.00 – 12.00	Exploring personal meaningful experiences in one's own practice Preparing one's own portfolio
	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00	Preparing one's own portfolio (continued) Presentation, taking and giving feed backs
2012, 11, 07, 3rd day: Day of exploring portfolios of <i>Productive Learning</i> students	
9.00 – 12.00	Examples of portfolios of <i>Productive Learning</i> students Individual criteria of qualities, feedback culture
	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	Preparation of school visits (<i>Productive Learning</i> projects)
17.00	Visiting Warnemünde at the Baltic Sea
2012, 11, 08, 4th day: Day of School visits	
9.00 – 12.00	School visits I (<i>Productive Learning</i> projects)
	Lunch
14.00 – 1700	School visits II Exchange of impressions of school visits
2012, 11, 09, 5th day: Outlook and Evaluation day	
9.00 – 12.00	Starting points for reflective learning approaches in daily practice
	Farewell lunch
14.00 – 15.00	Evaluation of seminar

How to get there and hotel accommodation

Rostock is situated in the north of Germany at the Baltic Sea in the northern state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania with a rich historical background. You can easily reach Rostock by train from Berlin or Hamburg. We have got an option on the hotel rooms until end of September at InterCityHotel Rostock which is close to Rostock main station (details see registration form).

Please send us your registration form in time and do not hesitate to contact Viola Paeschke for further information, for any question or help:

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We send you our kindest regards looking forward to welcome you in November 2012 in Rostock.

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