

T2TT Newsletter

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T2TT Developments

T2TT, Trainee to Trained Teacher is a two-year Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership project, which aims to improve the quality of Initial Teacher Training (ITT) and capacities of schools to support teachers at all stages of their career.

Led by Carmel College, Darlington the project works dynamically with 5 other partners- edUcation Ltd, Teach for Bulgaria, Centre for School Improvement in Lithuania, Federacion EFAS Comunidad Valencia and the Primary school of Pefkochori in Greece.

Study visits and developmental meetings have already taken place in the UK, Lithuania, Spain and Greece. These visits have enabled the team to share best practice, explore support that exists for those new to the profession, interrogate existing materials and resources and to develop new material that will add real value to the ITT process.

Outcomes from the study visits have included training modules, a handbook, and case studies.

Working with colleagues from other countries has offered rich professional dialogue and a unique opportunity to develop significant relationships with teachers and educational leaders from across Europe.

Currently partners are working to organise dissemination seminars in each country. This involves each partner trialing, developing and refining modules in collaboration with schools in their home teaching school networks.

Partner Update

Carmel College, Darlington has collaborated with Cardinal Hume High School, Gateshead and Harton Technology College, South Shields to bring a range of expertise to this project. We have collectively developed materials to support the training of ITT students and to support those involved in the mentoring of those new to the teaching profession. Sessions to trial materials are planned in March and a dissemination conference is scheduled for May 2017.

Primary school of Pefkochori, Greece collaborated with five schools: Primary school of Arethousa Thessaloniki, Primary school of Chanioti, Chalkidiki, Primary school nr1 in Kassandria, Chalkidiki, Primary school of Polychrono, Chalkidiki and the Model Experimental School of the Aristoteles University in Thessaloniki. Training has focused on mentoring and coaching, peer learning, lesson planning and behavior. Seminars were attended by the Educational Advisor from the Regional Education Authority of Chalkidiki and two Experts from the same authority: the expert in foreign languages and the expert in primary education.

In March, the schools will trial materials shared at the workshop sessions and in May there is a dissemination event at the Experimental School in Thessaloniki.

In Spain seminars with chosen mentors and NQTs from: Torrealba (Córdoba), Molino de Viento (Ciudad Real), El Gamonal (Ciudad Real), Torrealdua (Valencia), El Campico (Alicante), La Noria (Zaragoza) and Fonteboa (A Coruña) have taken place. The T2TT modules were shared and developed. It was a great experience and colleagues were delighted with the project.



Teach for Bulgaria is trialing the modules and methodologies that were created in the T2TT project. This has involved a mixture of formal training, coaching and mentoring sessions, workshops and meetings with 5 schools based in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria.



All of the schools want to improve the quality of pedagogical practices and to build school structures to support newly qualified teachers. School teams are already experimenting with some of modules and practices created by the T2TT Erasmus + collaboration. All are open for new ideas and are already giving relevant feedback.

Valencia Study Visit November



As part of the study visit schedule Partners met in Valencia in November 2016. Along with sharing progress on module development and refining aspects of the materials and resources we had the opportunity to visit schools. It was a unique opportunity to learn about the Spanish Education system, to make new friends and to sample the warm Spanish hospitality and culture.

A final conference in Sofia, Bulgaria is scheduled for July.



Project partners



Carmel College is situated in Darlington, County Durham in the North East of England with 1200 pupils aged 11-19. Carmel College is an accredited Initial Teaching Training Provider for the Department for Education and has been independently training teachers since 1999.



edEUcation is an education consultancy with expertise in working on international education programmes. The consultancy is led by a former UK secondary Principal who is an officially accredited EU expert in Erasmus+ assisted by highly qualified and experienced practitioners from all education sectors.



The mission of Teach for Bulgaria is to encourage and prepare capable and ambitious young people to become inspiring teachers and leaders in order to facilitate the access to quality education for every child in Bulgaria. Teach For Bulgaria aims to eliminate the functional illiteracy in Bulgaria in 20 years.



Centre for School Improvement is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, which aims to support the processes of school improvement in Lithuania, to disseminate the theory and practice of school improvement and alternative models of teachers' professional learning.



The Federación EFAS Comunidad Valenciana is a semi-private school with a focus on secondary and agricultural learning. The school is part of the Union of Agricultural Family Schools and has around 600 pupils. The school implements a training and education system leading to a high employability rate.



The Primary school of Pefkochori is one of the biggest public schools in Kassandra peninsula, in Chalkidiki, Greece. It educates around 260 pupils from first to sixth grade.

Learn more about the Trainee to Trained Teacher project

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