

Focus

We propose to look at present practice and analyse the underlying thinking. We propose to identify - and overcome - misunderstandings and/or misinterpretations and describe what we need to focus on in our future educational practice. All this in particular with regard to a responsible understanding of, attitudes towards and actions concerning the following pillars: Personal reflection/ critical thinking, Communication, Action, Living together and identity, Mode of reproduction and the environment, and Pedagogy.

Practical information

The event is open to the alumni of the Pestalozzi Programme of the Council of Europe, organised in the online Community of Practice on the platform NING.

The event is self-financed and takes place in a wonderful region of south-east Austria, the Styrian Toskana as it is called, in Gamlitz surrounded by vineyards. It is the perfect place.

Background

Education, and in particular school education, has always had to face challenges originating in the evolving nature of our societies. We feel that over the past decades *issues of equality, equity, diversity, identity, mobility and migration as well as democracy and human rights* have left their strong marks on everyday school life. In 2020, the global pandemic and its consequences have offered a further set of challenges, as well as opportunities, for education professionals and practitioners all over the world. We have all identified, recognised and experienced old and new issues in teaching and learning in all educational environments.

We, as hosts of the retreat 2021, feel that now is the time we all could benefit from a moment in time and a space to reflect about whether we are doing the right thing and whether we are doing it right. The retreat wants to look at what the future may bring, what the main challenges of the coming years may be and how they will determine the agenda in education. Furthermore we need to assess what the legitimate expectations on education may be and which expectations go beyond the scope of school education. Last but not least we also want to explore how we can all meet these challenges and to better strike back.

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International Forum for the Future of Education

Retreat to better strike

Education retreat for the alumni of the
Pestalozzi Programme of the Council of
Europe



9 - 11 July 2021

**Alte Klosterschule
Obere Hauptstrasse**

Gamlitz, Austria

Version June 2021

Draft Programme

Thursday, 8 July 2021

14:00 - 17:00 Preparatory meeting of the organisers

Friday, 9 July 2021

11:00 Preparation of the venue

13:00 Registration

14:00 Welcoming words

- *Mr Karl Wratschko*, Mayor of Gamlitz
- Organisers

14:30 Introduction to the Programme

15:00 Appetizer keynotes

- Critical thinking and the art of questioning, Arild Nyvoll
- Constructive and honest communication, Ildikó Lazar
- Sustainable production and value creation, Stefan Schustereder
- Responsible and autonomous action, Charlot Cassar
- Living together as equal human beings, Liliyana Mbeve
- Learning with motivation and curiosity, Josef Huber

16:00 Break

16:30 Open Space meets Socratic Walks

18:00 Break

18:30 Buffet reception by courtesy of the town Gamlitz

Saturday, 10 July 2021

9:30 Socratic Walks

Briefing, Josef Huber

10:00 Socratic Walks, part 1

12:30 Intermediate online report

14:00 Socratic Walks, part 2

16:00 Preparation and upload of reports

17:30 Online feedback

Josef Huber, Liliyana Mbeve, Stefan Schustereder

19:30 Cultural exploration of the wine growing region (Garden party)

Sunday, 11 July 2021

9:30 Preparation of Gallery Tour

10:00 Gallery Tour

11:00 Break

11:30 Draft conclusions

13:00 Look ahead and closing

