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## THEATER WORKSHOP - UNIVERSAL VALUES FOR COMENIUS PROJECT "BEYOND WORDS"

Peace - solidarity - fraternity - equality - friendship - tolerance - justice - happiness - health - hope - love - optimism... these are important values for all people of Europe, and even in the world.

In the description of our Comenius Project we say that Art is the most pure way to express our feelings, emotions or thoughts. Art is an universal language without words, that makes people aware of being a part of an international community. We can reach this feeling, by sharing experiences, material and activities.

All countries have their own national identity with their own language, history, habits and culture. But in Europe all people are also a citizen of Europe.

European citizenship is impossible without all national identities. It is interesting to see how the national identity of each country has its influence on the European Cultural heritage. Students will understand each other better, when they know about international values and about the different cultures and habits of other countries.

During the special Workshop Theater as a part of the Comenius Project Beyond Words, the students have discussed some European Values.

- What do they see and think, talking of these values?
- How important are these values for them, in their lifes?
- How can they express these values ? In what kind of behavior?

At first all groups worked together in some introduction excercices, in which they had to show all kinds of feelings, without words. This was really a good experience! After that each group had to show one value and its opposite, without words again.



The other students guessed which values they had expressed.

The special theater-teacher reached an atmosphere in which all pupils were able to express themselves freely.

Considering that she was working with students of 15-16 years old, in five differ-

ent classes of 29 students, this deserves very much admiration! All students have been aware of the important Universal Values and know about the meaning of them in their own lives.

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