Thessaloniki Forum

Beyond Them and Us: Hard-to-reach learners and their Role in Citizenship Education

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20 - 21 October 2015

Thessaloniki, Greece

Venue
Goethe-Institut Thessaloniki, Vasilissis Olgas 66, 54642 Thessaloniki (Greece)
Introduction

Within the framework of the NECE Initiative*, the Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb is organising this forum of its focus group on “Hard-to-reach learners”. After two initial workshops in Berlin (October 2013) and Leicester (July 2014), the focus group forum in Thessaloniki aims at reviewing the progress of the different project teams and coordinating the next steps. Under the working title “Beyond Them and Us in Times of Crisis: Hard-to-reach Learners and their Role in Citizenship Education”, the forum will offer issue-driven workshops, as well as space for networking and cooperation between participants.

Aims of the Focus Group Meeting

The focus group meeting aims to:

- Review the progress of the focus group; what we have achieved so far and since Leicester and Vienna and where do we want to be by 2016
- Offer a platform to coordinate the focus group and connect with other experts and activists in the field
- Update of project proposals and status by the project team coordinators and the team
- Work on cluster topics:
  - Schools as providers of (citizenship) education for/ with H2R: Practical approaches and problems
  - H2R Tools workshop
  - Strategies for social inclusion
- Offer time and space to discuss the projects and drive forwards face-to-face
- Explore further funding opportunities for future work (in projects and as a platform)

* NECE is an initiative for the Networking of Citizenship Education in Europe operated by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education with partners in The Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. A variety of resources and activities have been developed by NECE to encourage exchange and co-operation between academics and practitioners in the field of citizenship education across Europe. For more information: www.nece.eu
# Programme

**Tuesday, 20 October 2015**

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<td>Registration&lt;br&gt;Lunch&lt;br&gt;Set-up for participants of poster-session/marketplace&lt;br&gt;Informal get-together</td>
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<td>2:00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Opening/Welcome</strong> (Christoph Müller-Hofstede, bpb/NECE), (Benjamin Wunsch Grafton, Austria, Facilitator)</td>
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<td>2:20 pm</td>
<td><strong>Who is who and why are we here?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mapping and connecting members via positionings / matrix: countries, sectors, understanding of HTR, expectations (collect pax questions)</td>
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<td>3:15 pm</td>
<td><strong>Coffee Break</strong></td>
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<td>3:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>HTR and Citizenship Education: Us &amp; Them in Times of Crisis</strong>&lt;br&gt;What is the relevance to our work? Where do we stand in these times of crisis defined by increasing inequalities and political division in Europe?</td>
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<td><strong>HTR Network News</strong>&lt;br&gt;Project Coordinators: <strong>Michalis Kakos, Tereza Vavrova, Khalid Mahmood</strong>, other contributors are welcome.</td>
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<td>Short Input for opening a window to Greece:</td>
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<td><strong>Michalis Kakos</strong>: Us and Them: The Othering of ‘Hard-to-reach’</td>
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<td>Comparing national &amp; regional perspectives? Differences and commonalities and ways forward.</td>
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<td>*Fishbowl Session: Questions and positions</td>
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<td>4:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Market Place/Poster session</strong>&lt;br&gt;Presentations of initiatives with table, laptops, posters etc...&lt;br&gt;PLEASE send us your suggestions if you want to present something via a poster session.</td>
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5:30 pm  Workshops: Session 1 (80’)

WORKSHOP 1:
Schools as providers of (citizenship) education for/ with H2R: Practical approaches and problems (6 persons)

Moderator: Adam Newman Turner (SDSA)

Vasiliki Tsekoura: Learning Circles as Tool for dialogue in topics reflecting the role of active citizens / respect to diversity in schools

Thomas Campbell: Schools as providers of citizenship education

Ivo Pertjs: How to react on news like Charlie Hebdo in classes with a lot of diversion

Anna Koutsouri: Kids as peer educators against bullying

Max Behrendt / Christoph Müller-Hofstede: Dialogue at schools, first results of interviews with students, teachers and moderators involved

WORKSHOP 2:
H2R Tools workshop (10 persons)

Moderator: Ingrid Faas

Tereza Vávrova: Forum Theater

Tanveer Parnez: Citizenship Education with migrants, involving parents’ role in schools

Irina Ilisei: Political education projects that involve (non-)Roma

Ioanna Petritsi: Compass, the manual of Council of Europe for Human Rights Education

Charikleia Manavi: Adult learning, learning projects

Charis Papadopoulou: Mobile school, streetchildren

Monika Prifti / Valbana Hystuna: Outreach-worker

Anna Matos / Clarisse Costa Afonso: How to integrate CE and language education?
WORKSHOP 3: Strategies for social inclusion (10 persons)

Moderator: Khalid Mahmood
Ulrike Wolff-Jontofsohn: Strategies for social inclusion of Roma and other minorities in Kosovo, what works?
Alistair Ross: Presentation of interview and research with 1600 young people (11-19 in Europe and their identity construction)
Vladislav Günter: Exchange experiences with integration of migrants
Mustafa Malik: How to reach the H2R Pakistani community?
Francesca Gobbo: Research right on education for fairground children
Irina Bondarevskaya: Interethnic economic trust – theoretical perspective
Olinda Martinho Rio: The EYD2015 and the EU Aid as Win-Win process
Theodora Katsamori: PhD-researcher
Yiouli Papadiamataki: Overview of Greek education policies for H2R groups
Antonios Marmarions: Teaching and working with foreign immigrants

7:15 pm Break
7:30 pm Plenary: Breaking news from WS and decision if the clusters of the WS stay the same on Wednesday
8:00 pm Dinner & Informal networking at the Goethe Institut

Wednesday, 21 October 2015

9:00 am Plenary Fishbowl on hot topics from day 1
• Key questions & needs of participants via card questions
• e.g. Them & Us in the times of crisis? How HTR groups are instrumentalised/constructed...Case studies → localized solutions; The development of HTR in the Greek & EU crisis; CIN/Euroalter – Refugee Work? e.g.

10:15 am Marketplace/Postersession 2

11:00 am WORKSHOP SESSIONS 2: continuation of some WS from Day 1 + Workshop 4. Option to convene & give 30 second breaking/interim news
Reflection on link between academic world and practitioners, results and ideas for future work

Workshop 4: Reflecting our role as educators: Serving the marginalised or the status quo? Future ways forward.
Moderators: Benjamin Wunsch-Grafton with Anja Hirsch and Michalis Kakos

12:30 am Lunch & Informal Networking

1:30 pm Workshop Breaking News: Exchange of results & discussions, minute pitch + digital rapporteur report to blog. Rapporteurs have to be named.
2:00 pm  **Open Space** for debating specific topics and/or developing collaboration ideas: Opening > Open Space Agenda > Marketplace

2:45 pm  **Open Space Session 1**

3:45 pm  **Interim Topic/Project Pitch & Break-Out Team News**

4:15  **Open Space Session 2**

5:00 pm  **Concluding Session: Agora**
“Citizenship & Network - where now? Where a Tomorrow beyond the Us & Them?”

7:00 pm  **HTR PLENARY**: visual mapping of projects, debates, workshops. Which actions, joint projects & programmes for H2R Network development?

7:30 pm  **WRAP-UP: HARVESTING** the individual learning, commitment and action
- + Prepare presentation of results/ Breaking News for NECE Conference - Poster/PPT
- + Practice & Practitioners: HTR Publication Editor’s Interviews/Report
- + HTR Tank (using pre-session documentation)

8:00 pm  **End of Thessaloniki forum**

Dinner together or in smaller groups at own expense in Thessaloniki centre.

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**Thursday, 22 October 2015**

**9 am – 1 pm Optional programme**

**Option 1**
**OPTIONAL FIELD TRIPS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS** (pre-matching before Conference with local Thessaloniki initiatives necessary!)

**Please note**: More information on fields trips will be available at the start of the forum.

**Option 2**
**LINK TO OTHER NECE FOCUS GROUPS ? e.g. “EXCHANGE ON CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION BETWEEN EUROPE & NORTH AFRICA” with Us & Them focus and the common challenges?** Reps of groups. (5-6 people). + role of Focus Groups/Sub-networks in NECE itself?

**Option 3**
**NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES with local/national stakeholders** (pre-matching before Conference)

**NECE 2015**: Follow-up HTR sessions at NECE Conference 22. - 24.10.2015, offer workshop on HTR strategies and concepts: results of FG HTR and claims re mainstream and margins in our thinking