Social Networking Against Bullying

New pedagogic approaches: 2nd Multiplier Event in Dublin.

The Anti-Bullying Centre of Dublin City University will host the second international event of SONET-Bull, a project financed by the European Erasmus+ Programme to identify common strategies to prevent and counter school bullying phenomena. The appointment is for November 18 at 2 pm. The initial results obtained with the on-line platform for schools, families and all other actors involved in this phenomenon will be presented during the event.

SONET-Bull is a two-year project implemented by the **Greek National Agency** as part of the Erasmus Plus Programme, Key Action 2 "Strategic Partnerships" to prevent and counter school bullying. The programme, which is promoted by five partners from four European countries (Hellenic Open University, Greece - INFOREF, Belgium - Computer Technology Institute & Press Diophantus, Greece - Fondazione Mondo Digitale, Italy - Dublin City University, Anti-Bullying Centre, Ireland), is based on the concept that bullying cannot be countered through isolated actions, but rather requires educational strategies and innovative tools that can lead to the creation of networks and educational communities.

The project is also based on the use of the **www.sonetbull-platform.eu** platform to share good practices and strategies to counter bullying. The international conference will be held on **November 18, 2015**, at **2 pm** at the **National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre at Dublin City University**.

"Partners involved in the EU SONET-Bull Project are meeting in Dublin from 18-20 November at the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre in Dublin City University. As part of the project a number of EU partners are working with DCU to develop an online space using ICT social networking tools with peer learning and crowd-sourcing to train school communities to counter student bullying. The three days of meeting will begin with the launch of a new national anti-bullying website by the Irish Minister for Education and Skills" explains **James O'Higgins Norman**, Director of the

National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre in Ireland.

"The first version of SONETBULL Platform is ready. The platform is a peer learning platform which integrates social networking tools (Blog; Forum; Wikis; Tag cloud) and allows register users to access accredited training material on school bullying, to publish their experiences and to comment and tag the experience of their peers. In particular, users can share their experience in school bullying in a form of learning objects that are available through the platform. Those Learning Objects are: anti-bullying policy; bullying episode; case study, discussions; educational activities; survey and wiki" points out **Catherine Christodoulopoulou**, spokesperson for **Computer Technology Institute and Press Diophantus** (CTI) in Greece.

The platform is a strategic tool to implement a dedicated educational course for all members of school communities to adequately prevent and counter school bullying phenomena, developing collaborations between schools and families and providing the necessary support both to victims and aggressors involved in bullying incidents.

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