



the social capital school

Parents, the community and volunteering: a resource for all!

LABORATORY

THE SOCIAL CAPITAL SCHOOL: THE SCHOOL I WOULD LIKE

INGREDIENTS

- Target group should be made by: pupils (better if mixed ages but also one class of same age is ok), parents, teachers, grandparents, social workers, educators, volunteers...
- Before the lab if possible talk with teachers and explain them the project objectives and the meaning of the lab
- Materials: a big sheet of paper, markers of different colors, post-its of 4 different colors
- Prepare the sheet of paper, put it on a wall and draw a sea line in the middle: below is the sea (draw a fish and/or some waves) above is the sky (draw the sun and clouds) on the line a little boat
- Someone should take pictures or video of the lab (better if you also have someone who takes notes)
- Duration: 2 hours

THE LAB

- The coordinator explains what to be done (10 min)
- 3 post-its of different colors are given to participants (5 min)
- Everybody should write down on the 3 post-its: (20 min)
 - a) what they don't like of the school that they are in or they were in (fears or negativeness)
 - b) what they personally carry in the school they would like (contributes, commitment)
 - c) what they wish, they would like the school to have or to be (dreams, ideals)After each one put the post-its in the appropriate side of the paper: below the sea for negativeness, on the boats-line for contributes, in the sky the dreams
- The coordinator reads all the post-its and explains what's to be done after (20 min)
- Each person has been given another post-it (4th color) to write down the three best 'dreams' for the social capital school of those that where written in the sky (15 min)
- The coordinator (or an extra person if there is) counts the results and reads the top ten best dreams as result of the lab (20 min)
- General discussion (20 min)
- The lab ends saying that the results will be confronted with other schools in 5 different countries and the result of this confrontation will be written down in a hand book that will be given back to every participant. (10 min)
- EXTRA OPTION: if you have time or the possibility and you like the idea you can also add a previous moment (30-60 min) in which elder/adult people tells how different from now was their school and what they use to like and/or not.