



"Diversity is our Strength! – Qualification of "Intercultural Coordinators" for Schools in Hamburg

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Why do we qualify?



Every 2nd student in Hamburg has a "migrational background": This group is (in combination with a low socio-economic background) underrespresented in high schools and overrespresented in schools with lower achievement level

We need persons and structures who and which are professionally prepared for this heterogeneity



Potentials and Needs

Our potentials in Hamburg:



Department of intercultural education in teacher training institute:

- I) Counselling for school staff in intercultural issues
- 2) Sending ,,cultural mediators" in difficult cases
- 3) Various publications (www.li.hamburg.de/bie)
- 4) short-term seminars in intercultural education for teachers only 3 hours due to school schedule/ topics often "crisis-biased")

What was missing?

- A systematic long-term qualification for teachers
- Process of intercultural opening for schools at all levels





3 Threads of our Qualification for "Intercultural Coordinators":

I.) Intercultural Sensibilisation/ Anti Bias Approach:

Working on Prejudices and Biases 2.) Intercultural School Development 3.) Change Management

3 Levels:

- Curriculum
- Organisation
- Staff

Coaching, Supervision, Peer Counselling





Intercultural Sensibilisation/,,Anti Bias Approach":







Discussions/Images in the Media do have their Effect on Schools/Teachers/Students – e.g. "the Muslims…"







Study on Migration und Integration in German School Books (2015)

Findings:

- Most migrants presented in the books don't have academic education
- Migration is more seen as a phenomena of conflict and crisis instead of normality and chance
- Integration is not differentiated and only seen in relation to migrants, not to the majority society





Intercultural Sensibilisation/,,Anti Bias Approach":

- Biographical Work
- Reflection on privileges and discrimination and their effect in society and school as part of society
- Becoming aware of personal discriminating attitudes and developing alternatives
- Intercultural competence in school: learning to deal with insecurity towards minority groups and with prejudices and discrimination





Intercultural School Development

I.) Subjects/Curriculum

- How can I activate the competencies of all students e.g. their ,,world knowledge" and bilingual competencies without ,,culturalizing" students?
- How do I change curricula/material/ tasks towards diversity?

2.) Organisation

- "Welcome culture" for everybody in school from the beginning
- Establishing a good cooperation between parents and school
- Cooperation with partners from outside
- Implementing diversity in school code/ processes etc.

3.) Staff

 Recruitment of intercultural experienced staff/ also with migrational background and intercultural qualification of the staff





Change Management Coaching, Supervision, Peer Counselling

- Intercultural quality check: What is the exact situation of my school? Where do we find an unbalanced situation of school results?
- Formulating smart aims and indicators/ vision of change
- Who are the stakeholders in my school? What is their role for the realisation of my aims? How can I ,,use" them?
- How do I find allies in school: the colleagues/ the principal?
- How do I write a concept? How do I manage a project in my school?
- Goal: a concept fitting for the school/ project plan and its realisation





Background Information



- 98 hours of qualification integrating the 3 threads but also actual topics "frequently asked questions in the multicultural school", public events as an "intercultural fair" (presenting supporting activities) and symposiums (with the presentation of the projects done)
- Special (compulsory) workshops for principals and the whole school
- Reccomendation for principals: giving work time to our participants to realise the job as intercultural coordinator and possibly a ,,function" connected with a better salary
- Strong partners of the qualification: KWB/BQM e. V./Ministry of education/foundation "ZEIT"/"Unfallkasse Nord"
- Evaluation: Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg (Prof. Gomolla)



First results



- Amazing interest despite the qualification conditions: more than 50 % interested persons than places available; 50 % of participants have migrant background
- Approach of the qualification seems to work: very motivated group working the first time systematically on intercultural school projects and school development
- Interest from other states in Germany and other countries in this pilot-project
- Good practice example for the federal "Recommendations on intercultural education in schools" from 2013





Examples: Small idea – big effect: Integrating the religious holidays in the school calendar for the students



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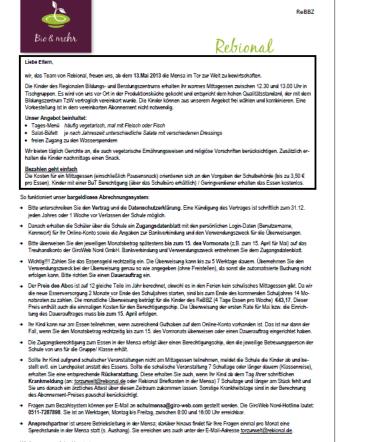
Showing the Competencies: Presentation of the Students' Languages in the Breakroom







Translating Letters of the Catering Service for the Parents in "Easy Language"







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Improving Cooperation with Parents through Multilingual Parents Cafés, Workshops, Projects...



Handbuch für die interkulturelle Elternarbeit



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Investition in Ihre Zukunft









Integrating Diversity in Curricula and Material, also in the School Library







Mentoring-Projects with older Students for new Immigrant Classes (but not only...)







Anti Bias Work as part of the Social Curriculum in Class 5/6







Anti Bias Work in Vocational Schools improving the Professional Expertise







Project: Interreligious Talks with Students, Teachers and Experts in the School







Intercultural Expertise in School Development Processes (counselling principals/school groups etc.)







Evaluation of the Helmut-Schmidt University, Hamburg:



New Practice-Orientated Approach:

> Subject-Specific Qualification how to deal with difference, heterogeneity and discrimination in school life

AND at the same time:

> imparting competencies how to initiate and accompany processes of intercultural school development

Feedback of the participating teachers:

Broadening widely their competencies and transferring them immediately in school (already during the qualification), learning e.g. how to deal also with resistance in schools...

Feedback of participating principals:

Estimating the concept of intercultural coordinators and intercultural opening as an element of regular school development and professionalism





Our aim: Better School Climate and more Quality



 Good practice in other countries shows: schools which opened themselves interculturally improve their school climate and their school results

(e. g. project QUIMS in Zurich, Switzerland or City of Toronto etc., Carl Bertelsmann Preis für "Integration durch Bildung" 2008, Karakaşoğlu 2011, Gomolla 2014)

• Intercultural coordinator as one motor of change...





Thank you for your Attention!

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