



Improving the quality of Vocational Education and Training

Nineteen people from twelve institutions from ten different countries joined together in the second international meeting after the constitution of the InnMain Association two years ago in Valencia (Spain).

Delegates were given an official reception at the Dudley Council Office offered by the Major Parlour.

The central topic of discussion these days was how to improve the quality of education in

Vocational Training.

There are many factors involved in educational improvement. Some of these factors are beyond our reach in our daily work, such as the educational structure of each country.

But when we went down to a practical level, there are many details that depend on each and every one of the people working in our educational institutions.



Mr. Lowell Williams gives a warm welcome to the delegates

Once again we have seen the importance of having the opportunity to learn from each other, and see different ways of doing the same things, in order to meet the future challenges to be overcome. We never will find a “cookbook of solutions” for education; the important thing is to have an open and well educated mind. And give our teachers the opportunity to travel abroad to learn and create teams.

We are convinced that we are moving in the right direction, aligned with the Europe 2020 Strategy, promoting innovation and quality education.



Official reception offered by Major Parlour, Dudley Council Office

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Second international meeting of School's Principals

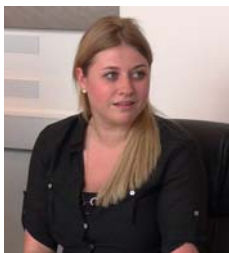
Schools' Principals from UK, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Turkey and Spain shared their ideas and expertise



about five main topics: The promotion of students and their getting, the strategic plan, the internationalization process in the school, the constant analysis and Service Level Agreement.

The meeting was organized by the InnMain department of School Management, and took place the day before the Conference in the facilities of Dudley College.





Ms. Eveline took notes of all the workshops. Thanks!

Workshop 1: Tools to promote the quality of mobility



Mr. Antonio Mir gave the figures of the students and teachers mobility involved in

common InnMain programs: more than 100 students and 50 staff. He made a presenta-

tion of the two T.O.I. that at present time are the partners involved, both related with improving the quality of the mobility: the **Top-MoSt** project (www.topmost.es) and the **one2one** (projectxone2one.eu).

The partners agreed that in the future we will use the tools we have created in those projects, as the Memorandum of Understanding and the Learning Agreement that is generated automatically in the TopMost Project.

As always we agreed that we must promote the improvement of the English skills.



Matthew was responsible of all the organization: well done!

Workshop 2: Accreditation standards for quality systems

Fernando Navarro gave a short presentation about the topic. He presented the EFQM model as a good quality system for schools, that actually is implemented in some of our schools.

Afterwards he explained the AdvancED Accreditation Process that includes concrete standards and indicators.

The participants were split in three groups: Responsible persons in schools, Teachers and Project Managers. They

were working together discussing about how to measure the quality in some aspects, as governance, leadership, resources, teaching and Learning, commitment and continuous improvement, communication, documentation, relationship with stakeholders, etc. The par-

ticipants concluded some quality indicators to take them into account when speaking about quality in our InnMain schools.



Ms. Petra Laudemann in one of the workshops

Workshop 3: Innovation in Vocational Education

Charlotte and Kristian conducted an active workshop in which, after a short presentation given by Kristian, the participants split in groups for

making innovative proposals for the future in InnMain. Again it appears the idea of involving companies within the InnMain Network, the impor-

tance of involving teachers in the innovation processes, and taking advantage of internationalization in schools, to learn from each other.

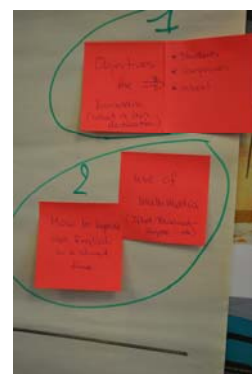


Workshop 4: Testing of English ability for mobility

Ms. Ann Killin, Ms. Diana Martin and Ms. Joanne Tooth led the third workshop about the English ability for mobility. Firstly all the participants discussed the issues on language in their organization. Secondly they gave an overview of Dudley's Language Department – via quick placement tests and assessments (writing, reading and listening) students are scaled. It is clear that teachers have to become **excited**

about learning English; this will be realized by participating in mobility programs. It is important

the Assessment in an International school, and Dudley College offered cooperation to succeed.



Many good ideas for the future.

International Technical Departments Report

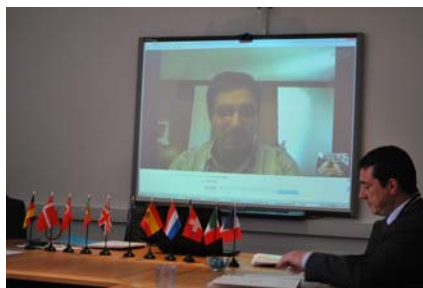
Some of the International Technical Departments gave a short presentation on their progress:

- **Mr. Antonio Esteves** gave an overview of the proposal made for Electronic teachers that will take place in Lisbon the first week of June.
- **Mr. Victor Sopena** gave an overview of the Department of HVAC and the mobility of a group of

teachers.

- **Ms. Mariamar Cervantes** gave an overview of the current projects within InnMain. She encourages all partners to present projects and ideas.
- **Mr. René van Haften** gave an overview of the Professional Excellence Days.

- **Mr. Joost de Jongh** gave a summary of the management meeting which was held on May 14th in Dudley College.



Yannick receives his Certificate of Attendance.

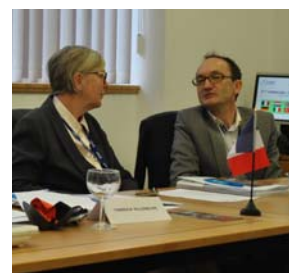
Annual meeting of the Government Board

Wim Appels gave an overview of the topics discussed on the Executive Board meetings of the last year. Antonio Mir highlighted the most important

affairs happened the last year in InnMain. He also recaps the agreements made last year during the Annual conference, making an evaluation of the results.

and Extraordinary Annual Meetings. We also discussed about the sustainability of the Network: how to get funds for the ordinary work.

The participants discussed about several proposals as to have a clear offer to make to the partners, to prepare together the new proposals for Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2, to distinguish between Ordinary



Jean-Luc and Ms. Ann Killin



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Admission of new InnMain partners and elections for the Executive Board

Every year, during the Annual Conference, new partner candidates are presented. On this occasion, two new partners were admitted: **Istituto Tecnico Statale "Attilio Deffenu"** (Sardinia, Italy) and **ibW – Höhere Fachschule Südostschweiz** (Chur, Switzerland). Ms. Salvatrice Scuderi and Mr. Remo Vencin made a short presentation of their institutions and everybody welcomed them warmly.

As it is written in the Cooperation Agreement we proceeded to the elections for the post of Secretary of the Executive Board. Izmit Vocational school was unanimously chosen to take the responsibility. We connected via Skype with the Principal of the school, Mr. Özcan Bedel, who gladly accepted the post.



Ms. Salvatrice Scuderi and Mr. Remo Vencin showing the signed Adhesion Agreement



Mr. Haluk Giray, from Izmit Vocational School is speaking via Skype during the elections.



Evelyne is giving her vote during the elections conducted by António Esteves (Val do Rio)

Visiting Dudley Evolve, the college's new VET Centre

As always, one of the most interesting activities during the Conference was the visit to

the facilities of one of Dudley College campuses, Dudley Evolve building. The delegates

could see the high level of quality in teaching and the enthusiasm of teachers.



Air cabin crew



Performing and Production arts



Art and design



The students hall



One of the teachers of Dudley International Department made this incredible cake!