

Summary of the mainstreaming event for the DYACIT project

The mainstreaming event, organised by the Berufsbildungswerk took place on September 17th. During this event, we presented the ideas behind DYACIT, the work of the second group and the overall outcomes of the project to the participants, so that they would be encouraged to implement this approach into their daily business in the field of education. We also distributed the DYACIT handbook to the participants, who had a background in education (students intending to become teachers, teachers, social workers, etc.).

We also invited three guest speakers. Dr. Peter Ferdinand, a university lecturer, specialized in the field of education through IT, presented an aspect of his researches on “IT in the classroom” and showed the people present how much students can gain from the proper use of IT.

After this presentation we started preparing discussion on the topic. For that reason we had two guest speakers for giving some input on the upcoming discussion. There was a social worker, specialized in working with underprivileged young people, to talk about her way of approaching and motivating young people. Then there was a teacher from a school that won a prize for their implementation of IT in daily school business. After this input we started a discussion on how to make best use of modern media in the field of education. The results were collected and presented on a movable wall. All participants agreed on the fact that the use of IT in the field of education is a good tool to empower underprivileged young people in their efforts to have a better start in their lives, if used in a thought-through manner.

The participants seemed willing to use IT in their profession more often after this discussion. At the buffet, they exchanged more information and contact details in an informal way.

At the very end we collected their opinions on the event and distributed the questionnaires. The questionnaires show that all the participants were very content with the conference and that they found the information provided very good or excellent. Most participants said that they would recommend DYACIT to other interested people.

Three people who could not make it to the conference requested the guidebook.