



Commission on Education

Activities 2011

Environmental project for youth

Development of an environmental project "Interactive Baltic Sea Program for Youth" led by Kadri Randma, Kärddla. This program consists of five parts *coast survey *informative text reading *tests, quizzes *essays *drawing. She has started to write informative texts. This is one of the most important parts of that program to be completed in the beginning of June. After that starts the composition of tests and quizzes to be completed in the middle of August 2010. Then we will start to build up a computer system. It consists of all five parts (teachers can also add there good essays which children have written and drawings they have painted). The computer system will be ready in the beginning of November 2010. During November this computer system will be tested in different countries, which have joined the youth program, and if anything needs to be changed it will be possible. If everything will go as planned, then this program will be working in January 2011 and thus it will be an activity going all year.

Nature school network

Network of nature schools and centers started in august 2010. The 5 partners from different countries will have one common course at Färsna Farm and Erken Laboratoy in august 2011 with Karin Beronius, Norrtälje as coordinator. The plan is as follows:

Year	Month	Activity	Outcome	Responsible partner
2009	December	Preparation meeting in Riga	Application and list of project partners	Erken Laboratory
2010	March	Application deadline	Final application	Erken Laboratory
	April-May	Preparations for course, selection of teachers and lecturers		Färsna Farm
	August	Teacher course		Erken laboratory and Färsna farm
	November	Course material handbook – theory behind outdoor teaching	Pedagogical handbook	Färsna farm
2011	April-May	Preparations for course, selection of teachers and lecturers		Färsna Farm and Erken Laboratory

	June	Report and evaluation		Erken Laboratory
	August	Teacher course		Erken laboratory and Färsna farm
	November	Course material handbook – ways of working in different fields of nature a) vatten, b) skog, c) hagmark	Pedagogical handbook	Erken laboratory and Färsna farm
2012	April-May	Preparations for course, selection of teachers and lecturers		Erken Laboratory
	June	Report and evaluation		Erken Laboratory
	August	Teacher course		Erken laboratory and Färsna farm
	November	Course material handbook – how to teach climatic effects	Pedagogical handbook – printing and distribution	Erken laboratory
2013	June	Report and evaluation		Erken Laboratory

Erken Laboratory Research School in Sweden

The research school will have 16 participants from different countries around the Baltic Sea, which will come to the Erken Laboratory for one month (June-July) in the summer of 2010. Responsible person is Karin Beronius, Norrtälje

Summer university for teachers

The summer university for 24 young teachers in natural sciences will be held at the Erken Laboratory during two weeks in August 2011 with the topic “Lakes as pedagogical tools in education”. Responsible person is Karin Beronius, Norrtälje.

Promote young entrepreneurs

UBC has made proposals concerning the Baltic Sea Strategy in year 2008-2009. European Commission has made an action plan for the strategy where there are many different flagship projects to support the strategy. On the General Conference in Kristiansand last September, it was called for proposals for flagship projects where UBC could participate. Commissions and cities made around 30 proposals and UBC Board decided on four projects for UBC. Annely Veevo, Kärddla made five proposals from the Commission on Education and Kärddla town and the Board of UBC decided to go forward with “Promote young entrepreneurs”. A. Veevo has taken a contact with Denmark Ministry of Education who is coordinating the flagship project. To go forward with this project 2000 Euro is applied for during 2011.

Vocational education

Anders Olander, Norrtälje is working on creating a network for vocational education, similar to the network for nature schools and centers. Last year a group of people prepared a joint project but it could not be finalized due to different interests and vocational education systems. A.Olander will send out information to UBC cities and look for contacts in order to have a meeting during the annual meeting of the commission in September in Tallinn. The aim is to apply for support in the Leonardo program and a second meeting is planned for during 2011..

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