



EUROPEAN MEMORIES

Lifelong Learning Programme

Workshop "Topography"

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Contents: Exploring and investigating our life; writing about a trip, which had a big influence on it.

Subjects: The places where we lived, which we left and where we stay now.

Exercise: Write down the places of departure, the destinations and the dates.

In a graphic representation we can show our journey on a geographic chart and see the others topographies, too.

Results: Graphic representation of the life-journeys of the participants; to learn more about each other; to learn about emotions and the sense of migration in and to Europe, that we all have, more or less.

Timing

15.00-15.10 - I would like you (participants and teachers) to think about the important journeys/trips in your life. All trips are allowed: a trip around the world and a relocation, migration or moving from a district to the next one.

Write down the places of departure, the destinations and the dates.

15.10-15.20 - Find out the most important trip of your existence. Think about the meaning of this trip for your development and changes in life.

15.20-15.35 - Write in your own language a little story of this trip. Don't forget to write about the feelings and emotion you've had when you left, and when you arrived.

15.35-15.50 - put the threads on the chart and tell your name, narrate the story and feelings (if you want) when leaving and arriving

15.50-16.00 - Write about a place you want/wish to go to.

16.16.15 - Tell of your wish.

Background:

Ragionare sulla memoria in profondità, sugli avvenimenti, sulla relazione tra presente e passato. Bisogna recuperare le storie personali, l'identità/anima smarrita in viaggio lasciata forse a casa o chissà come scappata. E' un passaggio questo che crea ponti e identità attraverso la comprensione e la riconciliazione con il proprio destino. Importante il dialogo tra diversi. Mescolarsi, conoscersi, scambiarsi punti di vista su ciò che osserviamo è un arricchimento straordinario. Una delle poche cose di cui non si può fare a meno. Chiudersi è un'illusione, una dimostrazione di debolezza. Una sconfitta.