

### S 3 EQUAL PROJECT SUMMARY

**Partnership Country & Project Name**

Sweden, Kista Open Academy, group "Children and Youth" - a network for development.

**Who are your target groups?** (e.g. adults who care for elderly relatives)

Children and youth, ages 1-20, in multicultural areas and their parents.

Families not used to further studies and higher education.

**Why were these groups chosen? Approximately how many beneficiaries will you be engaging during the length of the project?** (e.g. lack of existing provision – about 50)

Lack of immigrant parents' experiences in the Swedish educational system. Results showing that young people in our suburbs drop out of secondary school, that they don't succeed in school or continue to university level. Low school results in basic skills and subjects as Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Difficulties in childrens' second language acquisition. Lack of interest in natural sciences. Two paths to go:

- 1 **Good education.** Support language-, reading-, writing- and knowledge development of children and young people in pre-schools and schools to give possibilities to succeed through school and to continue to college/university.
- 2 **Engagement and motivation!** Find and gather needs, interests and aspirations for future education among young people and their parents. Information. Taking different steps as discussions and giving information about the possibilities to study, for young people, to make them interested and to give them hope.

**What methods of engagement will you be using?** (e.g. referral by health workers)

Path 1. Local action plans in schools and pre-schools on improvements concerning language development, questions of cultural and language diversity etc. Staff education and development concerning bilingual children and ethnic matters and.

University courses: Bilingual children.

Focus on natural science and culture/music.

Path 2. Network of school principals, teachers and advisors on what steps to be taken, e.g. information to families, on how to involve parents and young people in the learning process.

**What type of learning activity will you be using and from what sort of premises?****Is your learning activity new or developed from an earlier project?**

(e.g. informal learning, producing an online newsletter in a church centre – new project)

Meeting the needs of bilingual children and youth in pre-schools and schools, teachers "learning about learning in a second language". University students meeting school children. IT profile in schools and contact with the IT-university. Creating interest among children about natural sciences.

Using the Kista Open Academy network to share experiences. Finding funds and money for parts of the Children and Youth project (which has no financial support from Equal and must find other money)

Kista language program starting 1996 (a earlier project in pre-schools and schools on Bilingual children and their education) will continue and spread experiences to partners in KOA and among our transnational partners.

**What are your expected outputs or results?**

Improved school results. More young people continue their studies at upper secondary school and the university.

**How will you evaluate your project?** (e.g. continuous evaluation by partner organisation)

KOA is collaborating with Åbo University on evaluation, and will be asked to participate when we have been going on for some time.

Teacher training program in Kista language program has been evaluated by Stockholm University.

**Which partners are involved in your project?**

Schools and pre-schools in Kista. Kista Borough, Sollentuna Borough, Upper secondary school in Kista.

ICT- Secondary school.

Upper secondary school i Järfälla.

Royal Institute of Technology, Royal College of Music Stockholm.

ICT association of Kista.

**How will basic skills teaching (including ICT) be included in your project?**

Through focus on language development, reading and writing, ICT- development in schools and among staff members.

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