

## **"In our town... schools and the regional authorities have a meaningful dialogue"**

On Friday 12 May 2017 there was a study day in Brescia that was promoted by three Youth Centres (Carmen Street, Opéra Pavoniana and Istituto Razzetti), on the theme "In our town... schools and the regional authorities have a meaningful dialogue". It was supported by a Foundation in the town and was under the patronage of the Municipality.

"It takes a village to raise a child" was the workshop that opened up a dialogue between the schools, a number of local education providers and others involved in training. It was followed by a working group made up of educators, headteachers, teachers from the schools (primary, secondary, vocational), lecturers from the Catholic university and others. It sowed ideas for a network between the schools and the authorities by comparing different subjects.

An analysis was provided by the regional director for families. A talk given by a headteacher opened up a range of possibilities at the legislative level for the development of innovative practices.

The rapid change in lifestyle and social interaction makes it necessary for adults to think afresh about educational strategies, including taking into account new possibilities and new uncertainties. This was the focus of a detailed enquiry, which was followed by the presentation of a number of examples of good practice. The working group became a resource to cultivate and improve. The thinking of the local community became a place for research to develop education that is "generalised and open" in tandem with the regional authorities.

In the afternoon the group studied the questions that had been raised in order to renew the collaboration between the schools and other educational bodies.

A headteacher wrote: "I should like to thank you for the quality of the conference. The speakers were all highly competent and experienced. I really appreciated the talks, which were focussed and interesting. The organisation must have been time-consuming, as it always is when you have to bring together numerous different realities, so thank you and congratulations."

The aim is to continue this dialogue between the various education providers in order to implement best practice.

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