

Our European House

**International conference on November 9th 2009 at School for the Future,
Koning Willem I College in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands**

At 'Our European House' you will experience To-Gather through workshops, lectures, exhibitions and performances with music and dance. The project was initiated and organised by the School of Education, Hanze University Groningen. You will discover the concept of Multiple Intelligences, developed by Prof. Dr. Howard Gardner.

*We invite you to join in and do it yourself.
We are very proud to introduce our keynotes.*



♥ Edward de Bono

Edward de Bono is regarded by many as the leading authority in the field of creative thinking, innovation and the direct teaching of 'thinking as a skill'. He is equally renowned for his development of the Six Thinking Hats® technique and the Direct Attention Thinking Tools™ (D.A.T.T.TM) framework.

Edward de Bono is the originator of the concept - and formal tools - of Lateral Thinking.



♥ Ettore Deodato

Ettore Deodato, Director-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. He is the 'godfather' of European projects such as Socrates, Comenius, Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci. He is principal administrator at the European Commission. Ettore Deodato is an expert in student- mobility.



♥ Joseph Mifsud

Dr. Joseph Mifsud, born in Malta in 1960, obtained the Laurea in Pedagogia (Dott. Ped.) in 1989 and his Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at Queen's University in Belfast. In 1997 he was appointed Head of Department in the Faculty of Education at the University of Malta. Since June 2008 he has been president of EMUNI University with a network of 200 universities in 36 countries around the Mediterranean.

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Twenty years have passed since the Fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9th 1989. The Wall was the symbol of the Cold War, a product of communist oppression and a divided Europe. But it fell without violence and the whole world watched the shiny happy people who danced around Berlin. It was a turning point in history. It was a new road to a Europe that is more united. Today the European Union consists of 27 member states.

Citizenship in Europe

After the events of 1989, more and more Europeans began to travel and form relationships. They got to know and respect each other, but 'it's a long and winding road that leads to your door' (Paul McCartney).

One of the travellers was Wim Kratsborn, a lecturer of history at the School of Education at Hanze University in Groningen. In the 1980s, he began to establish a network of teachers and students who cooperated across Europe and his efforts led to the platform for To-Gather, the European Multiple Choice Identity (EMCI). This project aims at teaching young people between 3 and 25 years to develop their own identities in Europe as active and democratic citizens. This is called the Multiple Choice Identity (MCI).

Learning arrangement

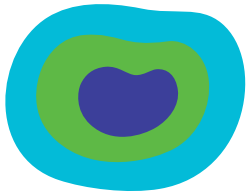
To-Gather was created and tested with the help of 1000 young people and 75 teachers in Latvia, Slovenia, Portugal, Denmark and The Netherlands. As a result we designed a full learning arrangement in an aesthetical way. It consists of lots of music, creativity, knowledge, art, images, dance and drama. It is an innovative project with a unique combination of creative learning, multiple intelligences, systems-thinking, lateral thinking and human rights. This is what we call 'crackled learning'.

The project 'To-Gather'

To-Gather is about the development of identity and of active and democratic citizenship in Europe. We see diversity as the starting point and as the goal. The five core themes we discuss are:

1. Identity (active and democratic citizenship)
2. Family and Friends (different ways of living together)
3. Good Work (environmental identity)
4. Migration and Mobility (the land that lives inside and the land of arrival)
5. The Other (multi-cultures and philosophies of life)

At 'Our European House' you will experience 'To-Gather' through workshops, lectures, exhibitions and performances of music and dance. We invite you to join in and do it yourself. There will be several workshops related to all five themes, with three workshops related to Identity, two workshops on Family and Friends, one workshop on Good Work and Migration and Mobility and three workshops on The Other.

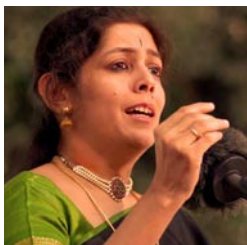


Conference Programme

November 9th 2009



The practice of To-Gather in Slovenia



Vasumathi Badrinathan



Margarita Kamjaka, the dancer

Exhibitions by: *Noël Abu Hariri, Hendrik Bak, Tadej Bernik, Zigurds Bilzonis*

Plenary sessions: *Koningszaal*

Workshops and performances: *School for the Future*

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- 10.00 – 10.30 Opening by Coen Free (president Koning Willem I College, 's-Hertogenbosch)
Introduction of MU by Kathalijne Buitenweg (day-chair)
- 10.30 – 11.15 Keynote by Edward De Bono
- 11.15 – 11.30 Lana Kuscer on flute
- 11.30 – 12.45 First round of workshops and performances
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch at Mensa
- 13.45 – 14.15 Keynote by Ettore Deodato
- 14.15 – 15.30 Second round of workshops and performances
- 15.30 – 16.00 Break: La Cantina. Performances by students
- 16.00 – 16.45 Keynote by Joseph Mifsud about active citizenship
- 16.45 – 17.15 Indian Dance by Vasumathi Badrinathan
- 17.15 – 17.45 Performances by students
- 18.00 – 20.00 Dinner in Mensa
- 20.00 – 22.00 Theatre show in Koningszaal:
- 20.00 – 20.30 Play the game: the European house
- 20.30 – 21.00 Performance by the Vanderlinde band
- 21.00 – 21.15 Dance by Margarita Kamjaka
- 21.15 – 22.00 Performance by the Audiofeel band
- 22.00 h. Social event

On Sunday evening, November 8 the city of 's-Hertogenbosch will welcome you in The Jheronimus Bosch Art Center, situated in the medieval centre of the capital of Noord-Brabant, where Jheronimus Bosch, the famous painter (1450-1516) was born and bred.



School for the Future

School for the Future is a remarkable piece of architecture. A modest black box on the outside, but an exciting interior with architectural highlights and the latest technical novelties. In many aspects the building is a metaphor for a new concept in education. School for the Future represents the left and right hemispheres of Koning Willem I College, a community college in 's-Hertogenbosch. On the one side logic and analytical thinking, on the other creativity and multiple intelligences. At School for the Future high-quality technology and purposeful creativity form the basis for trail-blazing learning processes.

The project To·Gather

In Our European House

Workshops

Come to gather: The state of the art: How can we design active and democratic citizenship in an aesthetical way? How should the self be linked to Europe and the other?

The Imagination: How to re-create yourself? You will experience how to use your imagination to focus your creative energy. The result: a well-balanced, inspired and more successful person.

Be da Vinci: Practice seven talents and learn to think like Leonardo da Vinci.

It's all in the family: All kinds of relations and conflicts within the family are shown in the masque-film. The challenge is to solve problems through role-play.

You can leave your hat on: There are many different ways to react on trouble. You learn to wear the different hats of Edward de Bono.

Good Work: Let's take a look at the world around the self, the family and the friends. We talk about how to design the own natural environment in an aesthetical, engaged and ethical way.

Crossing Borders: In Europe many people move from the land that lives inside to the land of arrival. Your guide will be little dragon Mu who comes to Europe and experiences the strange land.

Pick and Stick: You can go shopping in different philosophies of life ('theofiction') and make your own cultural mix.

Identities in India: We explore mobility and changing/adapting identities. Does geographical mobility also entail cultural, linguistic, and psychological mobility?

The Euro-Mediterranean House: We experience cultural diversity around the Mediterranean Sea.

♥ Fees for the welcome reception and conference

Student fee: € 145,00 (tax included)

Regular fee: € 395,00 (tax included)

♥ Registration

Subscribe at www.to-gather.org/registration

Deadline registration October 10

♥ More information about programme and location

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♥ More information about registration and invoice

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