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Newsletter #3



In the Newsletter#3 some interviews on bullying phenomenon carried out by partners of "SELAM — Learning Self Awareness & Self Management to eliminate Bullying and create Peer Support Scheme in the Immigrant concentrated Schools" project (Erasmus + KA2 - Strategic Partnerships Strategic partnerships for school education).

Merve Palanci, Teacher (Turkey)

Can you please shortly describe peer bullying with your own words? "Peer bullying may well be described as an informal form of mobbing among children and teenagers with ages ranking from 7 to 20s who share the same place for education and living".

How does migrant population affect the number of bullying acts at school? "I guess, there is a direct link between the migrant population and bullying cases at schools. Because, it is really hard to ward the Notion of "superiority –inferiority" in students' mind off and some of them tend to categorize their non-native peers as inferior citizens in comparison with their own citizenship".

What do you think you should do to stop bullying as a teacher? "Teaching moral principles and ways of tolerating to "the others" may be helpful for mitigating such cases at schools. We can also arrange some projects themed "war against othering" and encourage students to take an active role in such kind of projects".

Sharon Lauricella, Psychologist (Italy)

What are the signs of bullying children / young people? "Some of the signs are: refusing to go to school or wanting to go to school in a different way than usual; be very tense towards any school topic; assume unusual closing behaviors about the school or going out with classmates; sudden appearance of psychosomatic disorders. However, it is always important to carefully observe the individual cases and contact a professional".

How can we intervene in case of bullying or cyberbullying? "Bullying is a group phenomenon and not a simple relationship problem between the bully and the victim. The need to create interventions within the classroom that are aimed at all the members of the group is therefore increasingly strong, usually using strategies that involve cooperative work or the support of a partner".

How does cyber bullying manifest itself? "In Italy the methods of communication most used in cyberbullying are: videos and photos taken without permission, dissemination and exchange of confidential, intimate or pornographic films; Internet: e-mail, blogs, personal sites, Facebook and Instagram, websites for the distribution of films and images, for example Youtube. Mainly their use has the purpose of appropriating the identity of others, defaming, excluding, harassing, offending, persecuting one or more subjects. The cyberbullying phenomenon is constantly increasing as it allows anonymity"

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