

Good Practice | Bildung findet Stadt

Kind of good practice

Educational Strategy City of Graz

Target group

Stakeholder City of Graz

Description

The city of Graz is working intensively to optimise future opportunities for young people. To meet the new challenges successfully, the Department for Education and Integration has worked together with top-class external experts and developed the first educational strategy of the City of Graz 2013- 2020. 8 different groups have worked on the strategy with the title „Bildung findet Stadt“.

Following areas were included in the working groups:

- Elementary education.
- Transition points 1 and 2 (Kindergarten – elementary school –secondary schools).
- Inclusion.
- Elementary school and lower secondary school.
- Transition point 3 (school and the world of work).
- Transition point 4 (upper-level secondary schools).
- Support systems.
- Compulsory education for all and acquisition of educational qualifications and adult education.

In addition as a transversal issue, there was a special focus on the promotion of potentials. The aim is to establish the City of Graz as a City of Education and to show improvements and to implement new models as well as pilot projects. It turned out that through opening the discourse between the invited experts the flow of information about existing educational activities was promoted strongly. It also fostered networking between different stakeholders. This improves the access to education and further training for all citizens of Graz.

Aims

- To develop an educational strategy for Graz.
- To optimise future opportunities for young people.
- To meet the new challenges successfully.

Do's

- Involve experts of different areas, not only from the field of education - look beyond the scope of the world of schools.
- Regular meetings of working groups.
- Professional moderation of the process.

Don'ts

- Visions without concrete fields of action.
- Process without statements.
- Unrealistic objectives – always keep resources and the legal framework in mind.

Further Information

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