

# **Xenophobia – Musical Movement Fighting Fear 2017-20**

Impressions of our third international learning and teaching activity (C3)  
Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium Lachendorf, Germany

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of May until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2019



The international musical team, IKG Lachendorf 2019

At the forum of the Immanuel-Kant-Gymnasium the exhibition about migration in Europe, our school's structures due to inclusion and integration and a documentation about the former international activities showed outcomes of XMMFF.

International groups of student actors, musicians, choir, technicians, stage designers and dancers worked on the presentation of the musical and the public talk. The group work was led by bilingual teacher's teams. On Friday evening the show started with 147 active participants. The audience of about 300 visitors was impressed and everybody has been invited to stay for the after show party.

#### **Epilogue: quotes from letters to Lachendorf after the arrivals of teams at home**

Dear all, we've had a wonderful week in Germany during the C3 activity. The German families were excellent hosts. The students were impressed of your school and it was a great experience for them to take part in the musical. They made new friends.

Also, they learned a lot about the second world war history from their visit in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and they enjoyed the paddling in the river Aller. I think their visit in Germany will be an unforgettable experience for them. We teachers were impressed that so many students from five different countries worked together (actors and singers, dancers, choir, orchestra, council of wise) trying to achieve their best and they did as the final performance was amazing!

To put it in a nutshell, the week wasn't just great, it was perfect. From the caring families, the friendly Erasmus students, the teachers work cooperation to the pleasant atmosphere in and out of school. All along the journey to Lachendorf, deep down in their hearts our students were excited and afraid of what it would be like. Their fear vanished straight away when we all met at school and excitement increased day after day. Seeing our international teens mix, work together, help each other, share fun times was such a pleasure. Learning and teaching makes sense! So let's keep up the good work!

For three of our students it was the first trip abroad. Participation in the project gave them an opportunity that they would never have. Every student had a great contact with the host family. The attitude, huge commitment, sense of humor and family care made our students change their minds about the way Germans are. ;) What we have learned is how to treat students with different problems, how to motivate them, how to stand on their side, give them a chance, even if they are not the best at what they do, how to appreciate their efforts. We have learned that we should trust our students more.

Katerina Aggelopoulou, Michèle Chollat-Traquet, Monika Marek



prince and minister, council of the wise with actors, minister playing the piano, getting dressed, rehearsal with choir





exhibition and excursion



the court of Flavonia, Arabella, Albion and the orchestra,  
three members of the council of the wise, applause