



How to promote equity and education for all ?

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1- Who I am ?

- 15 years as a school leader
- Convinced by the principles of inclusive education
- Promoter of education access equity, especially for special needs pupils
- Manager of projects in the following fields :
 - European cooperation and citizenship education,
 - Cultural and artistic education,
 - Sport education



2- What about my school ?

Collège Marguerite Duras – Libourne

- 35 kms East of Bordeaux, close to St Emilion
- 70 teachers and educators
- 620 pupils
- 110 of them have special needs :
 - 96 have problems in cognitive processes
 - 14 are disabled
- Most of them come from disadvantaged families lacking in general, traditional culture



3- What about the policy ?

- Allow pupils talents or skills improvment at school
- Open their eyes and sensibility to the wide World outside
- Give them the tools to achieve success in their individual way
- All the kids should have the **same access** to the educational offer even though they have speciafic needs
- All the students should improve their own skills and knowledge

4- What about the leadership ?

- Setting up local training courses or projects to adapt the aims to the needs of the students
- Raising funds
- Identifying human resources able to bring them into play
- Training teachers to manage this programme

5- What about the strategy ?

Teach each pupil as if he had special needs:

- Enhance his/her skills and allow him/her to show them
- Make up for his/her shortages
- Evaluate with kindness
- Allow him/her to learn from mistakes

Train each teacher as an engineer, not a technician :

- Be able to diagnose
- Be able to set up an individual programme
- Be able to evaluate it and assess the results

6- Dissemination

- Associate the parents:
 - most of them have bad memories from their time at school
 - Gain their confidence in the school
 - Give them a place at school
- Cultivate the « School feeling » by pupils
 - Because a good feeling is motivating
 - Because they will become parents in a few years



Thank you for your attention

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