

Open Academy Workshop: “Miss Bully & the Karate Kid”

Date, Time: Thursday, 25.03.2010, 10:30 - 12:30 and 14:15 - 16:15

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Workshop content/theme

Conflict resolution in schools related to teachers' and students' different opinions

Aims

Bonding students and teachers; making them understand each other better

Method(s)/Approach

- Role-play: Leaders of the workshop perform a small role play
- Poetry: Participants write a poem with a solution to the conflict - Discussion

Questions for workshop reflection and a brief summary of answers

Students:

We asked the students about their relations with teachers:

- Are the teachers there to help them when they need it?
- Do they trust the teachers?

Unfortunately, most of the students don't trust their teachers and wouldn't ask them for help.

Teachers:

We asked the teachers to explain what they would do if a student came to them for help.

- Would they tell the student's parents about the problem?
- Do students come to them for advice?
- Are they interested in their students' lives?

Most teachers said that they want to help the students but they can't reach them because the students don't trust their teachers and usually think that their friends will help them with their problems.

Impressions, Outcomes of the workshop

We tried to convince the student to open up to teacher because they can be very helpful advisors. We also warned the teacher that they should be more interested in their students' lives outside of school.

At first, the participants were afraid that they won't be able to make rhymes which turned out to be wrong. They actually made some really good poems. We think that we succeeded in motivating both sides to, at least, start thinking about possible communication.

