

## Workshop: "Say what you think about your school"

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

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### Workshop content/theme

The workshop was designed for both students and teachers and aimed at discovering the ways of school democracy. Particularly, the content focused on school council as a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school.

### Aims

- To present the ways in which students can influence school life
- To understand how student council can make a difference in school
- To present different areas of activities that student council can organise

### Method(s)/Approach

- Introduction
- What do I like about my school and what not? (group work)
- How can I change the things I do not like? (group work)
- If I would be... (resources needed for a change)
- Examples from European schools

### Further tips, sources, resource material or links

[www.studentcouncil.ie](http://www.studentcouncil.ie)

### Impressions, Outcomes of the workshop

Many students were surprised by the fact that students can organise themselves and influence school life in many ways. On the other hand there were participants from schools which already have a council and where the system of student councils is much more developed (including legislation). Therefore it was difficult to make the workshop interesting for both groups. At the end less informed participants could get an idea how to create a student council and those more informed could see that having a system representing students in school is not an obvious thing in many countries.

