

The Roots and Wings International Programme for School Leadership – Third Cycle in Vejle, Denmark

This activity involves an international conference on school leadership and visits to a Danish school, “Petersmindeskolen” in Veile, Denmark over 8 days from October 3rd to October 10th. 2003. This will involve travelling to Cardiff to fly to Billund Airport, Denmark via Amsterdam on October 3rd and staying at the Koldingfjord Hotel, Veile for a weekend conference. On Monday 6th of October we will visit Petersmineskolen school, whose Headteacher is Jens Jorgen Christensen my Danish Headteacher partner. We will fly back to Cardiff on Friday October 10th.

The activity follows on from two other international conferences on school leadership using materials prepared by a company called “Rezolv”. The first conference was held in Gwbert, Cardiganshire, Wales in October 2002 when 27 Headteachers from Wales, Denmark and Italy were divided up into “trios” with advisors attached to them from the partner regions in Carmarthenshire/Ceredigion, Vejle and Tuscany. These trios have kept in contact since that initial meeting and met again at a second international conference in Florence, Tuscany in March 2003. This activity was supported and financed by the GTCW.

The benefits to my professional development are based on learning about my own and other peoples’ leadership styles while focussing on my “blind spots” and areas which could be developed. It will also increase my knowledge of different educational systems in Europe. This activity will allow the cycle of leadership conferences and international visits initiated in Wales to be completed. The outcomes would be positive for my own professional development in leading staff. This in turn will benefit pupils and the school because the whole thrust of the project relates to school improvement.

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