



3rd Newsletter

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Introduction

The European project **Identity and Diversity Picture Book Collection (IDPBC)** strives to empower children from disadvantaged backgrounds to see themselves in the curriculum, enable all children to function within diverse/multicultural educational environments, and prepare teachers to teach diverse learners. From the current newsletter you will learn about the curriculum development, the e-learning modules, the multipliers event, the 3rd project meeting and the next steps.

News, updates and IDPBC outputs are regularly uploaded on the project's [website](http://www.diversitytales.com) and [Facebook page](#).

Curriculum development (IDPBC Pool of Activities and Guide)



The IDPBC consortium has worked hard and the curriculum is now ready! Educators and practitioners will be able to access the material and use it in their classroom. Pool of activities consist of 5 didactic units (15 lessons) that aim to offer a collection of classroom activities designed to enhance inclusion by using picture books for children aged from 4 to 12. The curriculum is also accompanied by a IDPBC Guide for Enhancing Inclusive Practices which aims is to support practitioners in integrating IDPBC picture books in the curriculum, in forming their own picture book collections and activities and engaging diverse pupils, parents and

the community. All the above will be available soon through the digital platform in the following link: <http://www.diversitytales.com/en/oers>

E-learning modules

What is more, the consortium is now working hard in order to finalise the online courses which will be offered to educators and practitioners soon. Four online courses which will include presentations, media objects and interactive assessments we aim to help them learn new concepts, practice previous and newly-acquired skills related to authentic learning and problem solving in school education strategy development and monitoring, participate in reflective and self-assessment activities, view exemplary cases, and obtain ideas to use in their own school and diversity education practices. Those modules will be available through the following link: <http://www.diversitytales.com/en/e-learning>.

Check out the promotional video of the IDPBC project in the following URL:
<http://www.diversitytales.com/en/>



Do not forget! The IDPBC Annotated Bibliographic Catalogue is available online and can be downloaded for free: <http://diversitytales.com/en/collection-of-internationalpicture-books>



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1st National Seminar for Multipliers in Portugal



The first IDPBC Multiplier Seminar in Portugal took place on 28.09.2016 at the Escola Superior de Educação, Instituto Politécnico de Castelo Branco. Besides presenting the project, the IDPBC catalogue was presented and explored. The 17 participants who took part in it, were eager to work with the books in the catalogue because of its innovative approach and its focus on diversity, identity and inclusion. They also thought the seminar had been useful, motivating, and informative. In their view the particular strengths of the IDPBC project are its core values, its approach to inclusion, its relevance, and the opportunity it creates to explore visual literacy with children.

1st National Seminar for Multipliers in Romania

In Romania, on 19th of September 2016, University of Pitești has organized at its premises the 1st national seminar for multipliers in the framework of the Identity and Diversity Picture Book Collections (IDPBC) project. The participants were 23 in-service teachers from pre-university educational system. The seminar focused on presenting the IDPBC project – aim and objectives, activities, partnership and main expected outcomes and also the first Intellectual Output “Annotated Bibliographic Catalogue”. After presentations, the participants actively engaged in discussions on the usefulness of the Catalogue and on how to better use it during the in-class activities. Based on a brainstorming, they also provided useful inputs to the seminar organizers on what the IDPBC Guide for Teachers should contain in order to become a valuable and resourceful material for educators. All participants appreciated the progress and results so far of the IDPBC project and stated their further support and involvement to ensure the project sustainability.



1st National Seminar for Multipliers in Lithuania



The 1st national seminar for multipliers of the Identity and Diversity Picture Book Collections (IDPBC) project took place on 29th of September in Vilnius, Lithuania and there were 16 participants in total. The aims of the Seminar were to familiarize key stakeholders and target group with the key aims, objectives and activities of IDPBC and to present first Intellectual Output “Annotated Bibliographic Catalogue”. Representatives from Ministry of Education and Science, Education Development Centre, pre- and in-service teachers, trainers and representative from NGOs as well as researchers attended the event. Participation of representatives from various stakeholders groups ensured the achievement of the event’s aim to begin building the circle of influence and elicit

support for project objectives, as potential promoters and multipliers. Final discussion enabled to get feedback from stakeholders and target group regarding the project itself and strengthened integration as well as sustainability of the IDPBC outcomes.





1st National Seminar for Multipliers in Cyprus

On the 7th of December 2016 the 1st National Seminar for Multipliers took place at the Agios Vasileios (KB) Primary School in Nicosia, Cyprus. This meeting started with a general presentation of the project, its aim and objectives, partner organisations, rationale and expected results. After that, the results of the project so far were presented (such as leaflet, poster, website, newsletters etc.), focusing more specifically on the collection of international picture books (rationale, contents and how teachers can use it in their classrooms to discuss issues of identity and diversity). We then concentrated on the Greek books included in the collection. 14 participants attended the meeting and generally gave positive feedback.



1st National Seminar for Multipliers in Greece



On the 4th of November 2016 took place in Athens, Greece the 1st Multiplier Seminar at the Library of Doukas School. Mrs Olympia Kortsari and Mrs Andriana Papaxrisanthaki presented the project in general and more specifically the IDPBC catalogue. 22 participants attended the seminar with enthusiasm. They were eager to explore the books and they designed interesting activities concerning identity, diversity and inclusion of different children in multicultural environment. All participants found the whole project interesting and really useful and they are looking forward to attending the second seminar as well.

3rd Project Meeting, 26th and 27th of January 2017, Athens, Greece

On 26th and 27th of January 2017 the third Partner Meeting took place in Athens, Greece. Partners discussed about the IDPBC Guide and they have worked on it in order to be finalized. They have also discussed about the procedure which will be following for the development of the e-learning modules. Moreover, they discussed thoroughly various management aspects of the project, key roles and responsibilities, the scope of the project and deadlines to be met. The partners set the groundwork for the next important phase of the project, which focuses on the development of the e-learning modules.



Next Steps

- Development of the online e-learning modules
- Final Conference & 4th Project Meeting, 29th and 30th of June

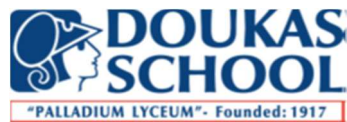




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