



Welcome to Iceland

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Exemplary Practise & Few Sunshine Stories

- Fjölbrautaskólinn í Breiðholti – Breiðholt College
- A college and a vocational school in Iceland
- Multicultural surroundings
- Students in dayschool - 1200
- Students in eveningschool - 800
- Students in summerschool - 1300
- 45 students in Icelandic as a Second Language classes
- Dept. of Immigrants since 2007



Coworkers

- Ministry of Education
- Elementary schools in the Breiðholt area
- Alþjóðahús /Intercultural Center
- Reykjavik Service Center
- Parents



Practise

- Presentation for elementary schools
- Receiving and registration interviews
- Student - Counsellor - Parents
- Areas of interests and capability investigated
- Students Guidance teacher – “System mother”
- Tailor made study



Practise

- Each student receives a personal schedule
- Guidance class for new students
- Translator – Translations sessions – Glossary
- Mentors – Studies mentors
- Support - Maths – Science - English



Practise

- A flexible modular course system
- The school is organized on a unit credit basis
- Assessment of mother tongue knowledge
- Students are encouraged to read in their mother tongue



Integration

Students are integrated in all subjects except:

- Icelandic as a second language
- Living skills classes
- Guidance classes – New students



A Sunshine Story

- A disturbing student – no function in class
- The goal is :
- Happy student in school
- Find out strenghts :
- Sports – Art – supportive parents
- Weaknesses : learning disabilities - ADHD



A Sunshine Story

- Co-operation with parents – Finding a solution
- Work 3 days a week - School 2 days a week
- 3 sports classes - 2 art classes
- After 3 months – An improvement
- After 6 months – Fantastic improvement!
- After 12 months – School fulltime !



School Projects

“Leonardo”

- Leonardo mobility program for staff
- Financial support from the EU
- X-Change program incl. Denmark & Portugal
- 5 teachers from the Dept. of Immigrants



School Projects

“New opportunities”

- A project for young immigrants in Breiðholt
- In co-operation with several institutions in Breiðholt
- Special courses – First aid – Translation course
- Mentors for children of the same nationality
- Voluntary work – two hours a week
- Working in kindergarten and elementary schools
- Integration after school hours



A Sunshine story

- Susanna comes to Iceland late 2007
- Starts in Breiðholt College 2008
- Susanna speaks Chinese
- Two mentors: One in Icelandic and one in English
- Gets a support teacher in mathematics
- Many responsibilities – home – school – work

A sunshine story

- Susanna & “New opportunities” project
- Voluntary work in Fellaborg
- Gets a summerjob in Fellaborg – kindergarten!
- Wants to become a teacher!



Susanna



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Bright future ...

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Thank you for coming to Iceland

Enjoy your stay!

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