

Education

Theme Workshop 14. December 2023

Meeting Minutes:

Theme Exploration 1

What are the challenges education systems are facing in your country?

How can we make sure that education is accessible for all?

Theme Exploration 1 - Discussion Summary:

- The power imbalance between youth and teachers, which is not good - teachers rule but don't get students to join them and figure things out.
- Often too many students together in a class can be negative - it would be necessary to reduce the number of students in groups and provide more assistance where needed.
- Accessibility for disabled people is not good enough in many places.
- It is debatable whether all this screen use is a good thing - it can still help some people to use a screen.
- Need to invest more in the education system - more resources are needed.
- Children with problems often do not get enough help - it needs to be fixed.
- Precocious students are often paired with those who do not do well enough academically - it does not work for anyone, and everyone loses.
- The education system must strive to meet different needs.
- It is negative when there are no standardized tests, and each school evaluates students as it sees fit.
- They would prefer not to have letters as a rating - rather numbers.
- They think that younger students and older students should be separate - have separate youth schools. When children and teenagers are together, younger children often learn bad manners from the older ones.

Theme Exploration 2

How can schools improve their education and school environments?

Do you think homework is important, why/why not?

Theme Exploration 2 - Discussion Summary:

- More teachers are often needed – large groups and too few teachers.
- Homework is important but sometimes too much - there needs to be a balance between school/homework and free time/social life.
- Some schools have too many school days – they also want to have a social life.
- Regarding homework, it can be difficult for those kids who can't get help at home, while some kids have parents who can help them with homework. Isn't there supposed to be equality between students?
- There are different ideas about how the school system should work in the different countries and schools.
- The school environment is not always friendly to children - often there is no response to things that come up - more talk, less action. Not fixing the important things like for example to ensure that everyone is comfortable.