

NVC in Education Europe

Tilting towards compassion in learning environments

3rd to 6th and 7th to 9th May 2010
near Carcassonne, France



PART ONE: 3rd to 6th May

Monday 3rd May arrivals from 14h onwards: we envisage our first meeting at 17h followed by supper together
Tuesday 4th May full day
Wednesday 5th May full day
Thursday 6th May morning : half day meeting
afternoon : departures home for those who are not participating in part 2
For those who are staying on for part 2: relaxing, sight-seeing, walking...



PART TWO: 7th to 9th May

Friday 7th May new arrivals
Saturday 8th May full day, from 09h30 to 17h30
Sunday 9th May: full day, from 09h30 to 17h30, departures in the evening

Part one is an exchange meeting which addresses people sharing NVC in educational settings:

Using Open Space Technology for planning the days together, we hope to engage trainers who are already sharing NVC at the moment as well as attracting those of you who are interested in sharing NVC and who seek inspiration, who will benefit from hearing about the experiences of those who are currently working in this field.

People who have already agreed to come to contribute and share their experience, starting with our main speaker and then in no particular order:

Niclas Rönström, Associate professor, National co-ordinator for CICE (Children's Identity and Citizen Education in Europe), former certified trainer in NVC, Sweden: "I would like to contribute with lectures to provide practical clarity and input on the importance of the communication process in a learning context, and how to implement democracy and NVC values in educational practice."

Annicken Paulsson Beer, principal in kindergarten in Norway: "I would like to share some experiences from our since three year ongoing project on implementing NVC in the kindergartens. This means in our local region 40 units, approximately 400 teachers and 1900 children."

Inge Brink-Nielsen, teacher and certified NVC trainer, Denmark: "I intend to share about my NVC work together with CPS (Collaborative Problem Solving is based on Carl Rogers work and 30 years of neuropsychological research) which I use to support children with dysfunctions like ADHD, Autism, Tourette, OCD, NLD among others."

Kiki Nilsson, principal at Skarpnäck Free school, Stockholm: "I would like to share about how our NVC approach has contributed to the skill building of our students and other valuable learning from our 11 years of running a school based on NVC values."

Kirsten Kristensen, certified NVC trainer, Denmark: "I invite you to exchange and explore together how we can contribute to more peaceful ways of dealing with differences in the classroom. I will show a short appetiser from a film we have made in a 5th grade classroom, dealing with the issue of bullying."

Alicja Lindell, academic co-ordinator, and **Annika Sparrdal Mantilla**, principal in kindergarten, Sweden: We will share experiences from our group of five kindergartens, which participates in a European project to find sustainable implementation of non-violent education, peace education and violence prevention in kindergarten education.

Other ideas we would like to include are:

Best practice - collecting documents, getting to know each other/networking connections, collecting evaluations/references/reports;

Input for inspiration and perspective and new ideas:

Exchange and share reports from people who bring their experiences of using NVC in education:

Future projects: co-ordination & funding;

Content of a NVC course for teachers and teacher training;

Dialoguing with decision-makers:

Learn from people what they're struggling with in getting NVC into schools;

The ways we can approach the school environment with NVC;

How to talk to deciders/authorities who have expressed an interest in NVC;

How to connect to objections and criticism;

Resources: announcing offers and requests.

Part one of the course ends with exploring what we've enjoyed and planning next time!

Part two is a training which addresses people working in an educational setting:

We hope to engage teachers who are interested in implementing NVC in their group, classroom, school and/or system. Trainers taking part in part one will put the course content from part one into practice taking requests from participants into account.

"How to" opportunities to work on themes like :

- implementing NVC in the classroom and school whilst taking care of yourself;
- transmitting NVC to your students;
- connecting to objections and criticism ;
- Building support teams;

Values: the underlying values in our national curricula ;

Resources: announcing offers and requests.

Pricing:

Our intention is to keep the first part of the week as a non-profit meeting with a small contribution from each person attending which contributes towards lunch, tea and coffee and organisational costs. Each participating NVC trainer will pay for their travel and accommodation (a range of prices is available, from B&B to hotel).

	Early bird	After 1st March
Part one	160 €	200 €

The second part is a training and includes a workshop fee for the teachers attending.

Price per person for the course including course fees, lunch, tea, coffee and fruit during the day:

	Early bird	After 1st March
Part two	250 €	300 €

Travel, accommodation, breakfast & evening meals and alcoholic drinks are not included in the above prices.

Accommodation:

Louise has reserved varying types of accommodation in the village with prices from 25€ per person per night. Once you have booked your place on the event, she will liaise with you to allocate a suitable bedroom.

You can also book your own B&B room using the Tourist Office in Montolieu: (they speak French and a little English!) +33 (0)4 68 24 80 80 or www.tourisme-cabardes.fr

The Peace Factory in Montolieu, near Carcassonne, France

As you can see from the photo, home to the Peace Factory is a 1950's factory nestling in the green vegetation of the French "Midi". The vision held by the Peace factory is a world where personal, social and global well-being is at the heart of peaceful living so we're confident that it's an ideal site to hold this NVC event.

Getting to Carcassonne:

From London Stansted, Dublin, Shannon, Brussels, Cork, Edinburgh, Leeds and Liverpool there are direct flights with Ryan Air to "Carcassonne airport Salvaza" which is 20 Km from the host site (www.ryanair.com)

Toulouse International airport, including Easyjet flights, is 80 Km from Montolieu, in which case you'll need to allow an extra hour and a half for transfer and train journey to Carcassonne station.

We will endeavour to encourage shared taxis for the 20 minute drive from Carcassonne (airport and train station) to the village of Montolieu where the event takes place.

Once you've booked a place, Louise will contact with you to organise and co-ordinate this part of your journey.

For more information on Montolieu: www.tourisme-cabardes.fr

Questions and enrolment:

Please contact Louise with any questions: louise.romain@wanadoo.fr

To enrol, please complete the form at:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEVxQVMtZ0ZicGNwN11JU05qeDVVWGc6MA>

If you have any difficulty registering using the above link, please send an email to Louise (louise.romain@wanadoo.fr)