

Good practice: networking

## When culture comes into the classroom

Cultural education is integrated in compulsory schooling in different ways in the school districts of Berlin, Bern and Vienna. In order to learn from the experiences of others in this area, the strategic partnership “Schule INKLUSIVE- Kulturelle Bildung” was set up between educational institutions in the three regions.

Teachers, educators in culture and the arts, and representatives of education departments met regularly over a two-year period in keeping with the idea that the promotion of cultural education is successful when everyone involved is in the same boat. During the week-long meetings in the respective host regions, participants attended lessons at the schools involved. Working sessions were also held for themed exchange and discussion between representatives from all three countries.

“Taking part in the project gave me a better understanding of the broad cultural offering in the canton and made me more aware of the added value of cultural education,” says secondary teacher Barbara Stalder, describing her positive experience of the close regional cooperation.

The Office for Culture at the Bern Department of Education saw additional added value in the international exchange. Comparing the different promotion practices resulted in new insights. These will allow the Office to make its offer to encourage cultural education more attractive in future.



A project that brings together regional schools, school authorities and artists and builds international networks.



Exchange between three countries

Programme	Strategic partnership in School education
Project organiser	Bern Department of Education
Project duration	24 months
Funding	CHF 68'600
Countries	Germany, Austria, Switzerland
Activities	Developing guidelines, project meetings, job shadowings
Topic area	Inclusive cultural education
Number of project meetings	4