

EVENS PRIZE FOR PEACE EDUCATION 2015

NURSERY WINS THE 2015 EVENS PRIZE FOR PEACE EDUCATION

The jury for the Evens Foundation Prize for Peace Education 2015 has selected the winner unanimously from a shortlist of 14 projects from all over Europe.

The award goes to the Ghent nursery Tierlantuin. The independent jury of international experts was particularly impressed by the nursery's visibility and accessibility within the neighbourhood, the strong parental and community involvement, and the ongoing and natural integration of diversity (working in various languages, diversity of personnel, etc.).

In this edition of the biannual European prize, the Evens Foundation looked for initiatives and practices that stimulate and strengthen the social skills of children under six years old. According to members of the jury, the implicit, integrated approach adopted by Tierlantuin is exactly what is needed to encourage the development of social skills among babies and toddlers.

The nursery will receive a cash award of €25,000, of which some is to be used to share their vision and good practices with colleagues in other European countries.

The prize-giving ceremony will take place at the Conflict Matters conference that the Evens Foundation is organizing on 21-23 October 2015 in Brussels. All candidates on the shortlist are being invited to a special discussion during the conference to share experiences and good practices .

THE EVENS FOUNDATION AND THE EVENS PRIZE FOR PEACE EDUCATION

The Evens Foundation is a European public-benefit foundation based in Antwerp, Belgium, with offices in Paris and Warsaw. It initiates and supports sustainable projects that encourage harmony among citizens in Europe by implementing three programmes covering the themes of Peace Education, Media (both media education and good journalism) and European Citizenship. The Foundation also awards a series of biannual prizes to further reinforce its mission.

Within the Peace Education program, the organization has, for some time now, been handling conflict in the wider educational sense, in line with the belief that it is essential to teach people a constructive approach to conflict, so that they can thus help to build a more democratic society in Europe. Furthermore, the Foundation believes strongly in supporting children and young people to develop their social skills.

In essence, the Foundation believes that treating conflict constructively should be a core principle in all teaching and education, and that children should be introduced to it from an early age.

The biannual Evens Prize for Peace Education is aimed at identifying, supporting and sharing inspirational best practices. It also offers an opportunity to create European peace education networks, thus contributing to a European movement for change.

JURY MEMBERS, EVENS PRIZE FOR PEACE EDUCATION 2015

Tomas Baum (BE), Director of the Flemish Peace Institute

Gilles Brougère (FR), Professor of Educational Studies, University of Paris 13, Director of EXPERICE (Inter-University Research Centre on Experience, Cultural Resources and Education)

Maria Carme Boque Torremorell (ES), Professor, Department of Education, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona

Samuel Carré (FR), Teacher at the Léon Jouhaux Elementary School (2013 Evens Foundation award winner)

Harold Göthson (SE), Founder and Director of the Reggio Emilia Institute Stockholm

Maria Herczog (HU), University lecturer, Eszterházy Károly Teacher Training College, Budapest, Chairperson of the Family Child Youth Association, Chairperson of Eurochild

Elly Singer (NL), Retired Associate Professor, Department of Development Psychology, University of Utrecht and Department of Education, University of Amsterdam

Zorica Trikić (RS), Senior Programme Manager and Romani Early Years Network (REYN) coordinator, International Step by Step Association (ISSA)

FURTHER DETAILS

About Tierlantuin:

<http://www.dienstkinderopvang.be/kdv-tierlantuin>

About the Evens Foundation and the Peace Education programme: www.evensfoundation.be

About the Conflict Matters conference:

www.conflictatters.eu

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