

III. European Education Forum

2007

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Invitation for the next European preparatory meeting

Bonn/Bergen, 25th of May 2006

Dear all,

the last EEF in Bergen/Norway has been a success and the alternative movement all over Europe has become more and more important. In Athens on the last ESF in the beginning of May 2006, the discussions of the education seminars show obviously the need for further European specific networking about this issue.

In 2007 there will be the next conference of the European education ministers so there will be another milestone in the bologna process. And of course we want to organize progressive activists for a more democratic, social and sustainable education system all over Europe again at this occasion.

The EEF-supporters have developed a basic framework of principles on which we want to build a stable process of networking, exchange of ideas and opinions and coordination of activities on the European level.

You find the EEF-principles attached to this document. If you want to join this basic EEF-platform, contact soli-b@web.de

In order to plan and prepare the III. European Education Forum in 2007 we invite you to
the next EEF-preparatory meeting
on Saturday, 24th of June 2006
Overtoom 301, Amsterdam
during the anual Cultural Analysis Summer Academy (CASA)-meeting

We will start at 14.00h on Saturday.

We also invite everybody to join the CASA meeting from 22nd to 25th of June before or after the EEF-meeting. Further information you find on: <http://casa.manifestor.org/> . Here you find information about housing and location as well.

Please note that if you register as CASA-participant we do not get detailed information about your coming. In order to avoid confusion and communication problems please register and contact us for more information for the participation at the EEF-meeting under soli-b@web.de .

in solidarity,

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Principles of the European Education Forum

1. The first EEF took place in September 2003 at Berlin as an alternative to the European Higher Education Summit. It constitutes the basis for the next European education forums.
2. The aim of the EEF is to build up a European network including teachers, students, pupils, employees in the education sector, parents and different groups which is based upon a common call.
3. The EEF serves as a platform to discuss questions referring to education policy, to develop alternatives and to prepare common actions.
4. The perspective of the EEF is to take European social dimensions of education more in consideration (e.g. justice in education, access to education, fringe groups, establishment of elites, etc. etc.). Education shall not only be discussed under the comprehension of state-run policy but introduce a distance which makes it possible to reveal contradictions and risks.
5. The target is to arrange a wide offer of seminars, debates and coordination-meetings for the educational section, which will be organized by every group in their own authority and this regardless their size and their rate of unionization.
6. Groups, who are disregarded under the comprehension of state-run policy, shall especially be taken in consideration. Further the common and cross national protest shall be supported and promoted.
7. Groups, who disobey the democratic principles of the EEF and represent or approve racist, anti-Semitic, fascistic or sexist positions, are excluded.
8. The EEF is independent from parties, employers' association and confessional associations.
9. The EEF is considered as an autonomous forum, but shall also serve as a bridge regarding time and content between the European Social Forums and it also includes those who doesn't feel represented in the social forum movement and act outwards. On that respect it is a part of the social-forum movement and delegates representatives to the ESF-Preparation-Group.
10. According to the "charter of principles" of the WSF, the EEF adopts no common positions. All declarations and decisions are decided only by the groups, who signed the declaration/ agreed with the decision. The EEF is only affording the opportunity for a successful workout and coordination of the different positions.
11. The perspective of the EEF is to change the perception of education in society by critical reflection. Education must not support the reproduction of elites and creation of human capital for the utilization process. It should give people the possibility to emancipate, to self-realize and to finally overcome social constraints.

Signatures

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