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SMILE-VET

The SMILE V.E.T. project is a transfer of innovation of educational methodology from the cultural sector to vocational education and training. SMILE stands for Schools Museums Internet Learning Education. V.E.T. means Vocational Education and Training. The project is part of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme. It aims to help teachers and trainers engaged in vocational education and training to make better use of archives, libraries and museums in teaching and learning.

Partners Elderberry, Tinta and CAF carried out several trial workshops in Istanbul in June 2011. The trainees were teachers from several EU countries. They explored museums and were introduced to eLearning and making photosynths. See www.photosynth.net, search "Istanbul Mosque".

Elderberry and Tinta trialed the SMILE-VET trainer material during two workshops in Stockholm in August 2011. Trainees from 9 different EU countries visited museums and archives in the city in order to test the SMILE-VET material. A full report will follow in the next newsletter.

PRODUCTS

The project develops methods to integrate cultural heritage for educational purposes with children, young people and adults. The result will be disseminated through three products: A booklet (curriculum) with essays and examples of good practice and exercises; an

e-Learning hub for teachers with exercises, media, quizzes etc.; and a training course for teachers as a chance to visit cultural heritage and rural or urban places to explore them in a new way.

PROJECT PARTNERS

The project is coordinated by **Tinta Education Ltd.**, a daughter company of ABF North Stockholm, Sweden's longest established company for public education for adults.

GAIA Museum Outsider Art is a Danish museum for outsider art that collects, exhibits and communicates art made by people on the fringe of normality.

Stadtbücherei Dornbirn is an Austrian Public Library with expert competence in the vocational education and training.

Elderberry AB is based in Sweden and is long experienced in Cultural Heritage and Museum education including eLearning.

The Cultural Awareness Foundation in Turkey organises educational programmes for schools and courses also seminars for adults.

Research House UK is specialized in developing e-Learning courses, materials and Learner Management Systems.

Stadtarchiv Dornbirn is an Austrian City Archive with a long lasting experience in research techniques like Oral History.

Homepage www.smile-vet.eu
Final conference Museum Outsider Art, Randers, Denmark, 12–13 September 2012
SMILE training courses www.smilecourse.se

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