

School leaders inspiring parental engagement

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European Parents' Association (EPA)

- National parents' associations
- 31 European countries
- Delivering the voice of a 150 million parents
- Present since 1985 - mostly on education issues
- Since 2014 dealing with all issues affecting the life of children and their parents
- Work based on the UNCRC



ADHD & other SEN

Brexit

School Radicalisation
School drop-out

Catalan
Referendum

Exclusion and
isolation

Trump

Raise of populism

Hungary&Poland

Cyberbullying

Youth
Unemployment

Migrants

Violence



Why inspire engagement

Parents' are the primary educators

they are the first - and have the largest impact on learning

school education should build on home education

Parents' impact on learning outcomes

regardless their level of education

doesn't mean doing homework together

Participation in school leadership

share the responsibility for schooling, not only educating their own children - impact on local community

important for more active citizenship



School heads inspiring

From locked school doors

to

schools as community learning centres

From full control

to

mutual learning

You are THE game-changer



A school head with a vision can

- ,convert' 80% of their teachers
 - get the parents on board
- engage the (school and local) community in planning
 - involve the community in implementation
 - make everybody take ownership - of school and learning
 - make everybody a learner and an educator
 - create a learner- and learning-centred school regardless the legal framework
- Help educating responsible active citizens who are devoted lifelong learners





European Literacy and Citizenship

Training for mixed audiences



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ParentHelp

- Understanding the school system and obligations for their children
- understanding social services and child support available for them
- how to use everyday services - housing, infrastructure (gas, electricity, internet, mobile), financial services (opening a bank account), health services, shopping, cultural offer, free time activities, etc.
- how to find employment, how to validate their skills
- social and family support available
- how to cater for special needs - physical, mental, dietary
- learning basic language of the hosting country
- providing for the basic right of the child to mother tongue and home culture

Possible second cycle, involving ESHA



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