

EU Project “ Making Women’s History Visible”

The project Making Women’s History Visible has been carried out as a Learning Partnership in Grundtvig 2 of the SOCRATES Programme of the European Union.

The aim of this Learning Partnership in a growing together Europe was to make the underrepresented women’s history visible. At the same time the partnership aimed at strengthening a gender adequate historical consciousness. Broadening and strengthening the part of women’s historical presentations in historical museums in Europe as well as the promotion of a gender democratic shift of perspectives in regard to the different presentations of history were the common purposes of all project partners.

During a partnership exchange the partners became acquainted with various kinds of new ICT and web-based museum work. The ground for network building beyond the partnership has been prepared supported by ICT, e.G. by the common project website www.spiral-of-time.de .

In Transnational Project Team (TPT) Meetings in various places of Europe staff and learners co-operated in a process-oriented, participative and dialogically way.

All activities were designed as common and mutual learning processes. In becoming aware of the differences as well as the common parts of women’s history the approaches concerning the common roots of cultural heritage have been broadened and were made visible in special educational and learning offers.

Especially in the third year the partners focussed on distribution of the results. The common learning results were made visible in various partner countries in presenting special educational and learning offers like workshops and exhibitions for experts and for the public. The partners presented perspectives of various historical time periods with the special focus of gender sensitive methodological-didactic aspects. In this way they promoted an exchange concerning the methodology of a common approach to deal with our women’s history.

In the final conference in Bonn / Germany the partners intended to collect perspectives of three historical time periods (Matriarchal Cultures about 40.000-3000 B.C./ Women in the Encounter of Cultures 3000 B.C. – 1350 AC / Women’s Politics and Fascism 1938-1958). They offered an exchange concerning the methodology of a common approach regarding the content, which aims at gender equality as well as concerning a working procedure which appreciates diversity in implementing the Learning Partnership.

The work within the Learning Partnership was supported by activities and publications of the German section: House of Women's History. The leaflet: Building a Museum of Women's History in which 7 ages of our common history are presented in a gendered perspective, served as a starting point for all European partners. This starting point was always connected with our life today and with our future perspective of Europe in a global world view.

Starting from a common point of departure they worked actively for sustainable networking in order to co-operate efficiently in the future for Making Women's History Visible.

Partner organisations from Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Malta, and Spain participated in the 3-year project.

Our future perspective:
To bring into reality
The
HOUSE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY



and fill it with the
SEVEN ROOMS OF THE SPIRAL OF TIME
in which we are going to tell
HER-story