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ENVIRONMENT & EDUCATION

Katarzyna Kuziak

Academy of Social Leaders. Inspiration to work with the local community

Abstract: The active social inclusion is one of the priority objectives of the social policy of contemporary states. This is mainly due to fact that the level of poverty and social exclusion of citizens worldwide is still high. Therefore, the search for and implementation of effective solutions at the micro and macrosocial level gives measurable effects, such as improving the quality of life. In the complex and dynamic process of social inclusion it is worthwhile remembering about the professionalization the activities undertaken by social leaders (animators of changes). The text presents the effects of the *Academy of Social Leaders* – a project aimed at preparing leaders to the challenges of active social integration.

Key words: *Academy of Social Leaders*, project, local community, social inclusion

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Ewelina Romianowska

Creative activity of elderly people in Universities of Third Age and in socio-cultural space

Abstract: This article presents creative activity of people in senior age. Seniors want to have impact on surrounding reality by participating in many dimensions of cultural and social life. Abovementioned article states specific reaction to marginalization and social extinction of seniors. Herein content of the article indicates that elderly people due to participation in culture, can take active part in creating cultural economy. Universities of Third Age presented herein are an example of one of activities chosen by seniors that can reflect their creation skills, being source of gaining knowledge, abilities, acquiring competencies as well as establishing new relations. Universities of Third Age affect s the feel of satisfaction and upgrading the level of life.

Key words: creativity, seniors, Universities of Third Age, seniors leisure time, education of seniors

PROBLEMS OF THE SCHOOL FUNCTIONING

Barbara Czekajło

A teacher as an innovator

Abstract: One of the basic and most important competence of a contemporary teacher is innovative competence. It comes from pedagogical creativity relying on enriching the teacher's achievements with new valuable solutions in every area of pedagogical activity. The innovative teacher is not only a person open to changes, willing to face new chalanges but also attentive observer and evaluator of educational practice and behaviour. The ability to introduce changes, improve working methods as well as assimilate new didactic solutions is the key goal of

educating future teachers. The literature on the subject distinguishes a number of types of pedagogical innovations, that is why an innovator teacher is any pedagogical employee who can modify and improve his or her workroom in order to shape students' traits of a multi-dimensional man who is able to adapt easily in a rapidly changing social reality.

Key words: pedagogical innovations, pedagogically creative teacher, modern school.

EDUCATION AND SOCIALIZATION METHODS

Karolina Sygulska

Comprehension the concept of a limit of function by secondary school students and students of mathematics

Abstract: This article aims to present understanding of the concept of a limit of function by secondary school students and students of mathematics and to find out what kind image of this concept they have. 55 students of last year of secondary school and 39 students of mathematics took part in the test. All tested students had previously learned the theory of limits of sequences and functions.

The analysis of the carried out research showed that the image of the concept of the limit of function revealed in the tested students very often differs from its real sense and prevent operative use of this concept. Most of respondents understand the concept of the limit of function only on the plane of surface structures, few tested students refer to deep structures.

Key words: limit, function, students

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Tymoteusz Ławecki

Difficulties in cooperation of preschool children

Abstract: Pre-school education is the beginning of education and it depends on this start how our future life will be shaped. Teachers have many tasks, and one of them is instill pro-social attitudes, including willingness to cooperate. The aim of the article is to show contemporary threats (mass media, cyberworld, individualization) and difficulties (sexual antagonism, lack of parental involvement, gender stereotypes) in cooperation that children at preschool age may encounter. The article aims to encourage cooperation activities from an early age. If children learn constructive cooperation in kindergarten, it will facilitate their further education. - OK

Key words: cooperation, teamwork, pre-school education, social development

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Michalina Pańczak

Expanding pupils' reading interest

Abstract: New technologies are widely available and thus tempting to play with. Some of them are used intuitively, without thinking about it. In the world where time is money many people do not have a moment to reflect and ponder. Therefore, it becomes more complicated to engage a young reader into reading belles lettres works which demand much more dedication and focus than being exposed to mass media. It is worth stressing that shaping reading interest should start within very first years of life. The article describes particular

examples of developing reading interest among children at home as well as at school. Following these examples allows children to find interest in literature and encourages them to search for texts suitable for them.

Key words: readership, reading interest, belles lettres

HEALTH EDUCATION

Marlena Mielczarek

Obesity as a disorder of health and development of children and adolescents

Abstract: Obesity belongs to the civilization diseases of children and youth. The most common causes are poor eating habits and limited physical activity. Obesity apart from health effects also brings psychological and social consequences, it can lead to depression and social isolation, weakening the possibilities of learning and learning. The constantly progressing phenomenon of obesity in children and adolescents requires multiple, energetic actions in the field of combating this disease.

Key words: obesity, overweight, physical activity, health disorders

OLD & NEW READINGS

Elżbieta Wieczór

The essence of pedagogical diagnosis as a determinant of the therapeutic process of students with reading and writing difficulties

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METHODICAL ATTACHEMENT

Natalia Jeżewska

Understanding the Other – intercultural education implemented in junior primary school grades

Abstract: The article presents practical possibilities of application in the early school education of interculturalism elements. It is very important subject, which can raise s problems of the modern world. People are scared with this, but they don't know what of. Intercultural education sensitize on problems diffrent people and acceptance what can help to avoid conflict and crisis situations.

Key words: intercultural education, elementary education, lesson plan