

COMPLETION OF THE KNOWLEDGING WORK SHOP (KWS) IN THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PROJECT

“STORIES ENHANCING SKILLS”

The final meeting of the KWS was held in Monforte del Cid outside Alicante City October 18th. Nineteen participants from the Nordic countries, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, North-Norway, Estonia and Spain were gathered for one day in the centre of Monforte del Cid.

Juan Ramon Mirambell, also from Monforte del Cid, guided the group with the towns interesting history and culture.

The town Mayor was the host of the meeting, which took place in the town's library. She opened the meeting by giving Inger Helen Erstad a diploma which represented the symbol of friendship and gratitude for having the meeting in her town.

The main issue for this meeting was the different countries presentation of the laws, organisation and the methodical work regarding children care matters. Each country had in beforehand made a written presentation translated into both English and Spanish.

These presentations was also presented and discussed in plenum. After the presentations the groups had a common discussion about the differences and similarities regarding the main issue. This discussion should also be presented in the completion conference for the project at the University of Alicante October 20th to 21.

One part of the meeting in Monforte del Cid was a cultural contribution from some of the groups, where there were presentation of local food customs and entertainment.

The group also visited a monastery with the guiding of a local priest.

The local food tradition was overwhelming, both in quality and quantity. As a tradition, all the foreign participants were dressed in Arabic costumes to go in a procession in the streets of Monforte del Cid. The procession was a symbol of friendship between the people of Monforte del Cid, Arabic and European, who have lived in peace for centuries.