

IVELAND SKOLE

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Iveland primary school is seeking partnership for Comenius project

Resume:

Iveland primary school is seeking partnership schools for a Comenius project. The plan is to apply in February 2011. The project will try to reduce early school leavers and will focus on improving pupil's motivation for further schooling and their employability

Background:

Our main goal for initiating a Comenius project is to combat early school leaving. Iveland is unfortunately one of the communities in Norway with the highest percentage of early school drop-outs. This has a cause in the history of Iveland and that of its cultural inheritance. As academics, our staff members and I are determined to reduce this to a minimum level.

Activities:

We would like let our pupils primarily make use of the Comenius project through language subjects, English and German. We believe that writing and communicating in a foreign language in an authentic situation are more motivating and valuable than in fictive situations.

For our staff we want to concentrate our focus on classroom management.

Description of Iveland primary School:

Iveland is a small community in the southern part of Norway; about 45 km north of the town Kristiansand.

Our school has approx. 160 pupils from 1st – 10th grade. (Aged 5 – 16). We are a staff of approx. 30.

These are some areas we focus on.

- Classroom management
- Key competences
- Foreign Language
- Learning strategies
- ICT

What we also find important is to present some of our strong sides. In a fairly small school like Iveland, it is easier to keep the overview of the pupils and the situation of the school. We have a great cooperation amongst our selves as well as towards the pupils. We have an ambulatory pupil council, and also a great cooperation with the municipal education authorities. And we are economically fortunate compared to other communities in Norway.

I also want to present Iveland's local distinctive characteristics.

We have:

- A great many types of minerals and mines

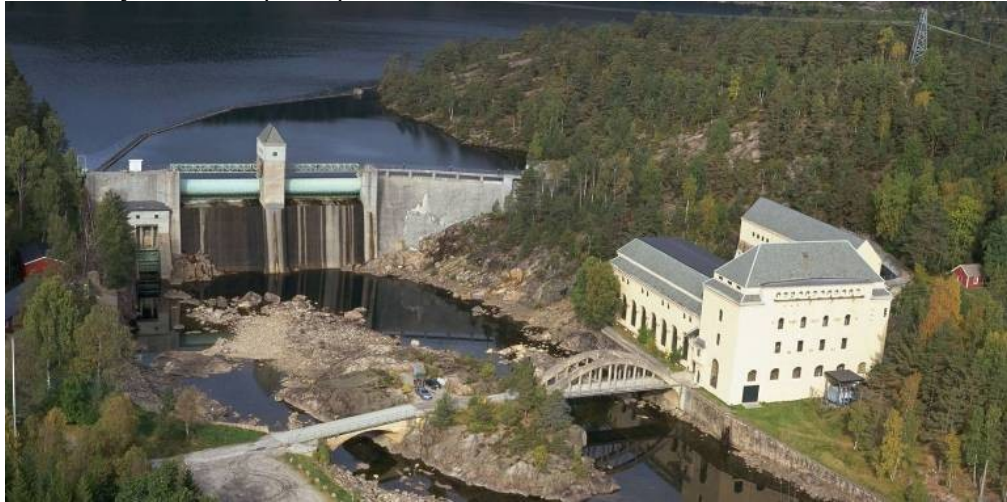


- Industry, which make use of the local natural resources
 - Water

- Drinking water: "Voss"



- Hydro-electric power plants



- Canoeing



- Angling

- Forestry
- Woodworking industry
- Hunting
- Motor sport
- Equestrian sports

What kind of partnership schools we want:

We are seeking schools that can identify the same goal that we do to reduce early school leaving and concur in some of the focus areas mentioned above. We would like our pupils to make the use of their target language. If you also have English or German as a target language or as mother-tongue you will be perfect for us.

These topics could be a starting point for a further cooperation between our schools. If you are interested in Comenius cooperation, please contact us as soon as possible; latest in November. We do need some time to agree on the progression write the application to the European Commission. We would be glad to hear from you, and hope we could apply for a Comenius project.

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