



Press Release

The Inpro partners met once again for their fourth transnational meeting in the small fishing village of Cawsand in Cornwall at the beginning of March. They were hosted by their UK partner Emma Powell of Point Europa.

The agenda was a full one, and after taking stock of their surroundings with a few photos taken on the beach, the team set off on Tuesday morning, for their first visit of the meeting to Cornwall College, Saltash.

After an introduction to the College from Head of Faculty, Peter Castell, the group attended a presentation delivered by Childcare Programme Manager Norma Barrett who explained the College's approach to Multi Agency Working and how the students are prepared for this during their course prior to starting work. It was a most informative presentation and it gave all participants the chance to directly communicate with professionals in the field of training to enable a rich exchange of experiences and an overview of best practice internationally.

Project Coordinator, Marijan Renic of Caritas Borcken stated "Our common goal in Cawsand is to optimize the units and to summarize the final results in the INPRO-handbook. We want to provide the transfer in vocational and further education. The visits of institutions in all partner-countries help us to identify the needs of the target groups. All participants have the possibility for a direct communication that enables an exchange of rich experiences. Finally the INPRO-team get an overview of best-practice which consistently allows the further progress of the INPRO-units. After the INPRO-implementation, the involvement of focus-groups, the fine-tuning and the development-phase we are going to evaluate all tested units in order to raise awareness for the approach of interprofessionality in early child care."

Following a little tour of the local area by our driver for the day we returned to Cawsand to continue our meeting.

Wednesday was spent in Cawsand, with presentations by each partner of the work they had carried out on pilot testing the product and discussions, decisions and suggestions followed on how to further develop the final training package. After a full and very

successful day, there was a little respite given with an evenings' entertainment provided by the Rame Male Voice Choir.

The following morning, the group was split into two and one party visited the Kingfisher Pre-School and then Furlanesend County Primary School in Cawsand with the second party visiting the Millbrook Pre-School and Millbrook Church of England Primary School in Millbrook. The group met up for lunch at a cafe on Whitsand Bay and then went back to Cawsand to share their findings and experiences. It would seem that yet again, this was a great opportunity to share experiences and knowledge and the groups were very appreciative of the time taken by the Head Teachers of both Primary schools and the Managers of the Pre-schools to show the groups around the settings and talk about their experiences and systems in the UK.

The meeting ended with a final acknowledgement of the work that has so far been achieved and that which the team still needs to complete. We all very much look forward to meeting again in Luxembourg in September.