



A new free training course for teachers on sex education

International research on the subject has pointed out that sex education is a topic that still plays a marginal role in the educational program of students in many countries of the European Union. Even more marginal is the teaching of sex education aimed at groups at risk of marginalization, such as individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

The INCLUDED project partnership recently published a handbook with an innovative training program to facilitate the teaching of sex education through creative methods.

The handbook has filled a content gap in student education, but what about teachers?

The WHO policy framework for sex education indicates that “there is a need for a bottom-up process, in which teachers are motivated, trained and supported” and highlight that “teachers delivering sexuality education should ideally be trained to do so.” Additionally, teachers should be willing to “self-reflect their own attitudes towards sexuality and towards society’s values and norms, as they will serve as role models for the learners.”

However, according to the 2018 report “Sexuality Education in Europe and Central Asia: State of the Art and Recent Development”, teacher training is the weak link to sexual education in many European countries.

The e-learning course created by the INCLUDED project partnership aims precisely to support and equip teachers and school staff (educators, nurses, counsellors, etc.) to facilitate the teaching of sex education in schools.

Why to choose this course? Because it is innovative as it will provide the opportunity for:

- ✓ Extensive training of teachers, so that not only the educators who teach the sex education course receive training, but all teachers can be trained, thus ensuring a true school-wide approach to sex education;
- ✓ Using creative and embodied methodologies allows the teacher to engage in a simultaneous learning process with their students, where all are learning about themselves and from each other, hence making the learning experience more meaningful than traditional teacher-teaches-student approaches.

The e-learning course is available for free in all languages of the partnership (English, Spanish, Greek, Italian, Dutch and Macedonian), from the project website at this link: <https://includedproject.eu/training/>



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