

DESCRIPTION OF SUCCESSFUL READING PROGRAMME PROGRAMME TITLE: "Book Discussion Clubs for Children" PROGRAMME ORGANISER(S): Instytut Książki (Institute of the Book)	
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Time & Place	Target Group(s)
Polish cities since 2006	Children in the age 10-15 years old
Short Description (Max. 200 words)	
<p>The programme "Book Discussion Clubs for Children" was created by the Institute of the Book in cooperation with the British Council in 2006. The Club can be created at a library, a cultural centre or a school, by a group of not less than 10 people. The facilitator of the Club can be a librarian, a teacher or an education volunteer.</p> <p>A group of children meet to discuss a book or books that they have read and express their opinions, likes, dislikes. The club decide's ahead of time what that titles of the books will be. Some groups may decide to choose new release titles, whilst others may choose older ones, or a mixture of the two. Each member may borrow a copy of the book from the local library over a given timeframe to prepare for the planned discussion</p>	
Objectives (General & Specific)	
<p>General Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote reading and inspire children to read more and know different authors. <p>Specific Objectives:</p> <p>Children are expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be inspired to share their thoughts and feelings about particular texts with other students - to explore and engage in a fun way with literary texts - to discover the close connections between literature and pleasure - to develop the reading and speaking skills of children - to integrate the local community - to encourage children borrow books from the library 	
Scheme of Reading Promotion Actions & Activities	
<p>The programme included the following actions and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchanging opinions about books - Creative speaking and sharing comments - Taking part in discussions - Drawing characters and scenes from books - Illustrating stories, using different art techniques - Dramatization of stories invented by the children - Making their own exhibitions - Watching theatre or film versions of books - Meeting authors and illustrators 	

Results / Indicators of Success

There are over 1000 “Book Discussion Clubs for Children” in Poland. Teachers and librarians (club facilitators) judge the programme to be very successful. Indicators of success are:

- taking part in such a club for many years
- integration of the local community
- time is spent by children reading or discussing books
- involvement of the children in the activities
- improvement of social skills
- interesting results of group work
- increasing children’s knowledge of literature
- increasing children’s skills in creating their own stories
- inspiring children’s communication with one another

CONCLUSIONS

(WHAT WORKED WELL AND WHY)

- The programme is popular in many cities across the whole country, reflecting its value.
- Organising the club does not need many resources and it is supported by a central institution, such as a school.
- The programme promotes both Polish and foreign literature.
- Children are actively involved and engaged in all activities.
- Creative thinking and exchange of opinions are very important aspects of the programme.