

Mentoring

TARGET-GROUP (mentor)	Interested pupils from high school (of the same secondary school) with migrant background who are prepared to engage themselves with social work
TRAINING	 the future mentors participate in a week-end tutorial at the end of January they learn in role-plays how to cope with possible problems with their future mentees, their parents, their teachers they get a certificate after accomplishing the tutorial the school pays the greatest part of the costs for the tutorial, however, each future mentor has to pay a fee of 15.00€.
FUNCTION OF THE MENTORS	 The aim is to be more than just a private tutor helping with homework and all kinds of school-work. The mentors also support their mentees socially and emotionally, serve as positive role-models and support the mentees as a big brother / big sister. The mentors also give advice to their mentees and encourage them to be more self-assured. The mentors are school-guides for the mentees: They know the structure of the school. They have had similar experiences owing to a similar biography (family background, language and culture, education) and can understand the mentee's possible difficulties more easily. The mentors get a small fee of 5.00€ per meeting with their mentees.
MENTEES	Pupils from grades 5-7 (ages 10-13) with a migrant background who need support with school work and personal encouragement.
MATCHING	Ideally mentor and mentee have the same migration background, if not they are matched according to their personal interests and background.
BEGINNING / DURATION	Starting of the programm each year is February / March after the formation of the mentors for one year. If they want they can go on being a mentor / mentee for more years. Each year new mentors are trained.
ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMM	 The meetings of mentor and mentees take place once a week within the school-year (not in the holidays) The school provides for a room for the meetings. The mentors make a short note about their meetings.
ASSITANCE OF THE MENTORS	The mentors are supported during and after their training by a teacher, they reflect their mentor-mentee-relationship and - if necessary - get advice After a year they get a certificate about their socail engagement and a positive remark in their report.
ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM	Increasing self-confidence of the mentors and the mentees.