

MISSION BASED LEARNING



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The final project meeting was held online on 8 and 9 June, 2022. The meeting agenda included a summary of the project activities and a reflection on the missions. The conclusion was that despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic, the project brought a multitude of benefits for teachers and students alike. Students did a great job completing the missions and admitted to learning a lot.

The project leader, the University of Gloucestershire, put together a list of steps necessary for a successful implementation of the missions.

Step 1: Designate the time

The support of school leadership is critical in order to ensure that adequate time is allocated for teachers and students.

Step 2: Engage the teachers

Give teachers time to consider the implications for them of supporting student-led missions and allow them time to discuss and cooperate.

Step 3: Invite students to dream

It is important to give students the time and space to work together. Step back – allow them to come up with their own ideas.



Step 4: Engage families

Students' families and carers also need to be supportive because (a) the students may start to work on their projects for periods of time well beyond the usual school day or time allocated for homework and (b) families are often a valuable resource in terms of contacts and practical help and advice.

Step 5: Involve the local community as appropriate

This can be done either face-to-face or via social media. Depending on the topic chosen by the students, they will need to collaborate with various individuals and organisations locally before they define their projects in detail.

Step 6: Investigate

Identify the needs in the community and formulate the aims of the project.

Step 7: Communicate

As the students run the project there will need to be active collaboration involving the local community, parents and others.

Step 8: Celebrate results

Hold an event. Publicise the project and what was learned; thank everyone who was involved.



Project video presentation

The University of Eastern Finland presented the first draft of the final video which showcases missions and the process of working on them as well as students' and teachers' reflections. Well done! The video can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RRCNXHNst4>

Dissemination events

The project partners are preparing for the dissemination events. Some countries have already organized their multiplier events. Here are some photos from those that already took place:



A multiplier event in Romania



A multiplier event in Poland

