

Project: "Where big kids read with little kids"

Non-profit organisation: "Lis avec moi, ADNSEA", created in 1989

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Project goal

To develop literary culture and a sense of responsibility among junior secondary students in difficulty by having them read to kindergarten children.

Presentation of the project

To awaken interest in reading from a very early age, non-profit organisation *Lis avec moi (read with me)* organises reading aloud sessions aimed at small children.

The project "Where big kids read with little kids" has a dual goal:

- To help junior secondary students overcome their reading and oral expression difficulties by reading aloud.
- To help kindergarten children establish special and satisfying contact with older children.

In this way, junior secondary students build new bridges between themselves and literary culture and also with their younger counterparts. By doing this, they restore their own self-confidence and develop their verbal skills. They discover reading as a vehicle of emotion, exploration and sharing. The junior secondary students participating in the project are in the first year of junior secondary SEGPA (special general and vocational) or remedial classes.

Involvement of parents / mentors

The project is integrated into the class's overall educational objectives. Various initiatives are organised to encourage parental involvement in the different learning phases, for instance on the occasion of the school's open day. The reading sessions take place in the presence of parents, who are encouraged to read more to their children. Thanks to this project, the parents, for whom school is often associated with failure, discover their children in a completely different light.

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Funding: The Foundation grant represents the whole of the project budget and will be used to finance the sessions, workshops and acquisition of books.

Grant awarded for 2007: €8,000 (= virtually 100% of the project budget)

Human resources: Volunteers, trained by the organisation, to read to children