

## IPLE's 21st International Seminar took place from October 5 to 9, 2009, in Hilversum (Netherlands).

There were 50 participants from 7 different European countries: from Bulgaria, Germany, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Holland and Portugal.

The seminar was organized in cooperation with the Regional Opleidingen Centrum (ROC van Amsterdam). In the spring ROC van Amsterdam started a new project of *Productive Learning in the Netherlands* with 30 students. The participants of the seminar had the opportunity to visit the project in Keerkelanden.

The seminar focused on the question "How to get back young people to learning?" Referring to this question, participants exchanged and created new ideas on ways *Productive Learning* in different countries supports young people who left school too early, by developing learning motivation and a different attitude towards learning and challenges waiting in the future.

During this week a small group was concerned with the development of the program of the next INEPS congress.

**Contribution for the Newsletter**  
Heike Borkenhagen



Highlights from the Seminar

## DIE STADT ALS SCHULE SAVED FOR NOW

Dear Bret, dear INEPSERS!

We are lucky to announce that yesterday's grand meeting with educational decision makers in Berlin (Hr. Zoellner, M. Herrmann) has successfully diverted the closing of Stadt-als-Schule- for now. The support letters from Bret and Olga were very helpful and have impressed thoroughly.

But we still need your support so if you could write a letter of support to the following people (Juergen.Zoellner@senbwf.berlin.de; monika.herrmann@ba-fk.verwalt-berlin.de), it would be terrific and help strengthen our position here!

I am writing this on behalf of the principal, Guido Landreh and the SaS staff – we'll keep you posted and thank you again for your help!

Best, Christina