



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOP & MATCH AGAINST RACISM

SLOVENIAN BEST PRACTICE S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS

**EVALUATION OF THE GOOD PRACTICE
WITHIN CANTIERE GIOVANI IN ITALY**

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIVITY

The first part of the local session has been tested in the frame of our «School of Italian for foreigners» and the football match involved young guys participating in the non-formal activities of the youth centre Il Cantiere.

The test took place on February , 6th and 8th.

Target: foreigner adult and young learners of the School of Italian, Italian volunteers supporting the school, trainers and staff.

Timing: 2h for the Language Workshop and its evaluation; 2h for the football match and its evaluation.

THE «SCHOOL OF ITALIAN FOR FOREIGNERS»

The methodology proposed by our Slovenian partner perfectly fits with some of the activities we already run.

We started offering Italian workshops for foreigners in 2003. The non-formal activity got more structured becoming the «School of Italian for foreigners», currently supported by experienced trainers helped by volunteers. The participation is totally free.

The «school» (this is how learners use to name the courses) is run in partnership with Centro Astalli Sud, organisation working in a very close town.

The current schedule covers 4 days a week in order to satisfy the high request of the immigrants living in the area.

ADAPTING THE GOOD PRACTICE TO OUR CONTEXT

Even if we use non-formal education methods, this methodology is not usual in our «School of Italian», so we presented the good practice as a «special» activity.

Due to the quite good language level of the group, we changed the «numbers» exercise by asking to say in Italian «Your place and date of birth, please!».

The «Hot chair» was run as it is, helping participants by writing on the blackboard the list of questions they could make.

We didn't test the song, because the session would have taken too much time.

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STRENGTHS

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- **It's positive because it requires an effort to speak Italian language (and this is good for the learning process)**
- **Encourages the self-expression**
- **Allows to tell and learn about the traditions of class-mates countries and get to know more about them.**
- **Facilitates the participation of everyone.**
- **Eases the feeling of being «recognised» in the group, accepted and included.**

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STRENGTHS

FOOTBALL MATCH

- Fosters health and happiness through an enjoying activity.
- Encourages the sharing and communion within a group of people that didn't know that much about each other before.
- Allows to meet people that you usually wouldn't have the chance to meet.
- Eases to *yell out* within an structured context: «even if we argue or fight we can get friends again soon thereafter»

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WEAKNESSES

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE WORKSHOP

- Creates insecurity and generates embarrassment among participants
- Despite of «formal» methods, doesn't facilitate a careful consideration about the words and the right construction of the sentences.

FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST RACISM

- The arguments during the match may lead into violence or increase racist stereotypes
- Participants (especially if they're not young) risk to hurt themselves. In the case of people who works without documents this is a really serious matter.

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OPPORTUNITIES

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- Changing argument (job, health services... instead of «winter») could be more interesting and useful.
- The method fits better with younger learners and beginners.

FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST RACISM

- It can be organised a tournament with teams from different towns and awards for winners, best players and fair players.
- Football can be replaced by other sports and games.
- «Against racism» can be replaced by «for diversities»

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THREATS

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- Within our «School of Italian», participants feel more reassured by a traditional method based in the study of grammar.
- As in everyday life learners already have chances to speak in Italian, they attend the courses mainly to study grammar and correct their mistakes.
- The pressure of work life limits the open-mindedness to more informal and non-formal methods. (Most of learners manage to attend classes just one hour twice a week)

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THREATS

FOOTBALL MATCH AGAINST RACISM

- Doesn't fit for people with serious physical disabilities, older people, mental disabilities.
- Depending on the cultural context, women will not like the activity (in that case it can be proposed another sport).
- Immigrants usually have working hours longer, and however different from Italians; it's not always easy to find the day and hour fitting to all.

THANK YOU!
