

Nightingale – a mentoring Project in Zug

Type of project	Teacher Education / Research & Development
Status / period	ongoing (since 2007)
Sponsors	Integration Programme of the Canton of Zug, Ernst Göhner Foundation
Project description	<p>In the Nightingale programme, a student from the University of Teacher Education Zug is paired with a child from the Guthirt Primary School. The mentor and child meet for approximately 2 hours a week from November to May. During these informal meetings the mentor and child do everyday activities together and build a relationship.</p> <p>The main purpose of Nightingale is to contribute to cross-cultural understanding and learning. Moreover, the Nightingale programme is based on the idea of “mutual benefit” - benefit for both child and student. The mentor acts as a positive role model by establishing a personal relationship with the child. This in turn helps strengthen the child’s personal and social confidence. The student gains an insight into a child’s life. This will prove to be an asset as they continue their higher education courses and then in their subsequent professional careers.</p> <p>The Nightingale mentoring programme was established 1997 at Malmö University and has since expanded both nationally and internationally to more than 20 sites, in 2007 also to Zug.</p>
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