

The education service of LD

Our goal is to contribute to the improvement of the academic community's capacities to act in favor of a more just and united world. In this sense, DE is complementary to projects undertaken by LD in the South.

Our actions are directed at the university community (CUL), bearer of changes in society. Our target audience is therefore composed of different actors of the CUL: students (21,647), including 3989 foreign students (18%); academic, scientific and pedagogical staff (3,154) as well as administrative and technical staff (1,919) (figures 2005-2006).



The peculiarity of the DE-audience is that they are not the ultimate beneficiaries of the actions, in the sense that they are not organised to improve their own personal circumstances, but to try to improve a situation with which they are not necessarily familiar.

Our activities are part of a long-term educational process of sensitisation, awareness and call to action. Our educational approach is particularly characterised by stimulating critical thinking, theme diversity, working in partnership, education through participation and the creation of interactive learning spaces.

After its launch in 2002 in Louvain-la-Neuve, DE expanded its actions in 2007 to the campus of the CUL in Brussels. The team is now composed of the equivalent of one full-time and one part-time position. It is responsible for developing the strategy of DE in view of the five-year programme, the implementation of actions, development of educational tools, support for trainees and participants to the trainings and active participation to relevant networks.

NB: The publication of the magazine "International Issues" (ED/BEL/31) is not considered in this report.

Projects

1. Thematic seminar (ED/BEL/32)

This theme covers various types of activities (exhibitions, symposiums, etc.) to meet the initiatives of partners of LD.

2. Midis du Sud (ED/BEL/33)

Panel discussions on the North/South relations which take place every 15 days on Tuesday between 13h and 14h during the academic year.

3. Cours méfis (ED/BEL/34)

This is a normal lecture, at the usual time and place, to which a speaker from a country of the South (Professor, PhD student, researcher, ...) is invited to intervene. The presentation of the latter gives a different view on the subject matter from his or her research or own experiences and thus from another culture.

4. Training (ED/BEL/35)

This activity aims at enabling participants to conduct a development education animation using different techniques and adjusted to their audience.

5. Campus Plein Sud (ED/BEL/36)

Joint information and awareness to campaign regarding the problems of the South. The initiative aims to raise awareness about the interdependence between North and South. This interuniversity collaboration also aims at strengthening the links between the various development actors.

Other Actions

To carry out these projects in good order, DE is conducting a series of actions in collaboration with the CUL and student organisations:

Welcoming the trainees
Developing teaching tools
Support to initiatives by students and our partner organisations
Participation in student activities to increase meetings with the public

Key results for 2007

- Conducting a campaign at the beginning of the academic year (October-November 2007): an information booth to present LD and its DE services, as part of a dozen activities welcoming new students at CUL, or student activities.
- Organisation of 14 Midis du Sud in partnership with professors at CUL and kots-à-projets. Focusing on the news, the Midis du Sud had a certain success with the public. Between 15 and 40 people on average attended each MS.
- Teaching coordination of the Winter seminar 2007 of Louvain Développement.
- Writing articles for the Bulletin of LD and other periodicals of the CUL (Savate, Quinzaine ...).
- Develop, design and draft the LD six year programme about development education 2008-2013.
- Support to the coordination of the LD six year programme 2008-2013.
- Methodological support of the AGL for the launch of the Alter'cours.
- Interuniversity network Campus Plein Sud: Coordination of the Steering Committee and coordination of thematic reflection on International Migration.
- Organisation of Campus Plein Sud from 5 to March 16 at all Francophone sites of the country. At the CUL, 25 information and sensitisation activities were organised in collaboration with 10 KAP or student organisations and 7 services or organisations linked to the CUL.
- Realisation of three training days on « introduction to animation in development education » in March, May and October. An average of 20 students attended to these days.

- Launch of the new action Immersion Days with students at CUL: poster campaign and information sessions.
- Support to the organisation of the symposium on « Migration and Development, the contribution of migrants » (March - CGEE) and the exhibition of paintings by the Togolese artist Akoe Placide (March - Service AIDE of the CUL and asbl Au fil de la vie).
- And expanded and constructive collaboration with various departments of the CUL such as the Service d'aide (awareness), the Vice-Rector for Student Affairs (presentation LD), the University restaurants (awareness), House for Sustainable Development (CUL- City of Ottignies LLN) ...
- Active participation in the Groupe sectoriel de l'éducation au développement of Acodev to contribute to reflection on the sector.
- Positive evaluation of our activities (evaluation surveys filled out by students, training evaluation).
- Positive evaluation of the service (in the framework of the institutional evaluation of LD).

Totaal budget of the DE service *

48.570 €

(53,082 € minus 4512 administrative and evaluation costs) of which € 39,120 personnel costs (ED/BEL/37) and 9450 € for various activities (ED/BEL/32-33-34-35-36).

*Without taking into account International Issues (ED/BEL/31)

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