

Future Classroom Lab workshop

Make learning accessible:

Special Educational Needs in my classroom

29-30 September 2018, Future Classroom Lab, Brussels

Description

According to the TALIS study in 2013, teachers stated that supporting students with special needs were one of their greatest needs. The term "special needs" usually covers those for whom a special learning need has been formally identified because they are mentally, physically or emotionally disadvantaged. ICT can benefit all students, but for those with disabilities it enables them to access learning, gives them greater autonomy, unlocks the potential for those with communication difficulties, etc. The workshop will provide an introduction for teachers who would like to learn how to design lessons and activities for children with learning difficulties.

Trainers

Donal O'Reilly has background in Engineering, Technical Graphics and ICT and is now the Deputy Principal at the Killorglin Community College in Co. Kerry, Ireland. He is also Leadership Associate at Professional Development Services for Teachers (PDST) and a mentor for newly appointed Principals and Deputy Principals at the National Association for Principals & Deputies (NAPD). He is passionate about ICT and its seamless integration into our schools and classrooms, as well as a reflective practitioner who loves to share and learn. He is also an eTwinning Ambassador.

Efi Saltidou joined European Schoolnet in May 2017 and she currently works as Junior Pedagogical Officer supporting Future Classroom Lab activities, the Teacher Academy, the European Schoolnet Academy and other projects related to digital competences and coding. Before joining European Schoolnet, Efi worked as a primary school teacher in private schools and educational institutions in Greece and has been awarded from the state for her academic performance. Efi holds a Master's degree on Education with the use of New Technologies and ICT, and she has also specialized in the education of children with special needs. Follow her on Twitter: @Efi_Saltidou

Programme

Day 1 – 29 September (Saturday)	
9:15	Arrival
9:30	Welcome and introduction to the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice braking activity • Information about Schoology
10:15	Future Classroom Lab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and tour
11:45	Coffee break
12:00	Making information accessible ICT4IAL guidelines and Universal Design for Learning , FCL accessibility equipment.
12:15	Presentation of good practices in participants schools
13:00	Lunch
13:45	Q&A session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharing and caring for students' needs • putting ourselves in the students' shoes
15:15	Coffee break
15:30	Gifted and talented students: how to support them
16:00	Practical strategies and tools that work with learners with SEN
17:00	Final discussion
17:15	End of Day 1
19:30	Course dinner at the city center
Day 2 – 30 September (Sunday)	
9:00	A beginners guide to inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing an inclusive and accessible classroom • Presenting the idea
10:30	Coffee break
10:45	Getting to know eTwinning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the school community platform • Developing partnerships
11:30	Designing an inclusive activity for a specific student's profile
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Preparing Learning Snacks
14:00	Review and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations of activities & learning snacks by participants
15:00	End of the workshop

Participants

To be added

Accommodation

The participants whose hotel is organised by EUN: the hotel will be communicated in September.

The participants who take care of their own accommodation arrangements can find many options at www.booking.com or www.airbnb.com/s/Brussels--Belgium. The following hotels are some of the options close to the course venue:

- Adagio Access Bruxelles Europe; www.booking.com/hotel/be/adagio-access-bruxelles-europe.en-gb.html
- Hotel Motel One: www.booking.com/hotel/be/motel-one-brussels.en-gb.html
- Hotel Chambord: www.booking.com/hotel/be/chambord.en-gb.html
- Chelton Hotel: www.booking.com/hotel/be/chelton.en-gb.html
- Hotel Le Berger: www.booking.com/hotel/be/le-berger.en-gb.html
- Silken Berlaymont Brussels: www.booking.com/hotel/be/silkenberlaymont.en-gb.html
- Thon Hotel EU: www.booking.com/hotel/be/thon-eu.en-gb.html

If you would like to stay in the Brussels city centre, it is only 10 min away by metro from the course venue (by foot 20-30 min). It is advised to avoid immediate vicinity of the two train stations Gare du Nord and Gare du Midi, which some visitors may find less comfortable.

Hotel rates: The hotel prices can vary a lot in Brussels, so it is good to book in advance. You can find examples of rates and compare them at www.booking.com. The participants' comfort requirements are different which reflects their selection of accommodation. As a general tip, some hotels can have tempting "non-refundable" rates but we recommend selecting the "refundable" rate even if it may be a little bit more expensive.

If you have any questions, e.g. regarding the hotel location, public transport connections to the course venue or similar, please let me know: elina.jokisalo@eun.org.

How to arrive to Brussels

Brussels has two airports: Brussels National airport (Zaventem), about 30 min to the city centre, and Brussels South airport (Charleroi), about 60 min to the city centre. You can arrive conveniently to Brussels also by train from London (Eurostar), Paris, Amsterdam and Cologne (Thalys).

From the Brussels airport (Zaventem) to the city:

- BY TRAIN to the city centre: The train takes you to the main train stations in the Brussels city area: Gare du Nord, Gare Centrale, and Gare du Midi. The ticket costs 8.5€. The trains go every 15-20 min and leave from the level -1 of the airport terminal: www.brusselsairport.be/en/passngr/to_from_brussels_airport/train/
- BY BUS to Schuman-Luxembourg: From the level 0 of the airport, the buses 12 and 21:
 - **Number 12** (Monday to Friday until 20h) OR

- **Number 21** (weekends all day and weekdays after 20h)
- Both buses take you to **Diamant, Schuman and Luxembourg**.
- The ticket costs 4.5€ from the automat and 6€ from the driver.
- You find the bus schedules here: <http://www.stib.be/horaires-dienstregeling.html?l=en>
- **BY BUS to Gare du Nord:** Take the bus “De Lijn” N° 471 (level 0 of the airport). The bus takes you to the train station Gare du Nord / Brussel-Noord. Timetables: [www.delijn.be/en/lijnen/lijn/3/471/1/471_Zaventem - Brussel?vertaling=true#2](http://www.delijn.be/en/lijnen/lijn/3/471/1/471_Zaventem_-_Brussel?vertaling=true#2)

From the Charleroi airport to the centre:

- **Take the Brussels City Shuttle** bus which takes you to the Brussels Gare du Midi (main train station). A return ticket costs 28 euros (and a one-way ticket normally 14 euros).
- For the bus schedule, see here: www.charleroi-airport.com/en/passengers/acces-and-parking/brussels-city-shuttle/index.html
- At Gare du Midi you can continue your journey by using different metro lines, buses or pre-metro. See the metro map here: www.brussels.be/dwnld/57065131/Plan%5FM%5F10%2D2015.pdf
- **Alternative for the shuttle bus:** a private taxi shuttle that takes you directly to the hotel (price about 21€). You need to book this service in advance and directly here: Liedts Riflesso Italiano riflessoitaliano@outlook.com // <http://www.riflesso-italiano.be/312681630>

Course venue and how to arrive

The courses will be organised in Brussels, at European Schoolnet’s Future Classroom Lab.

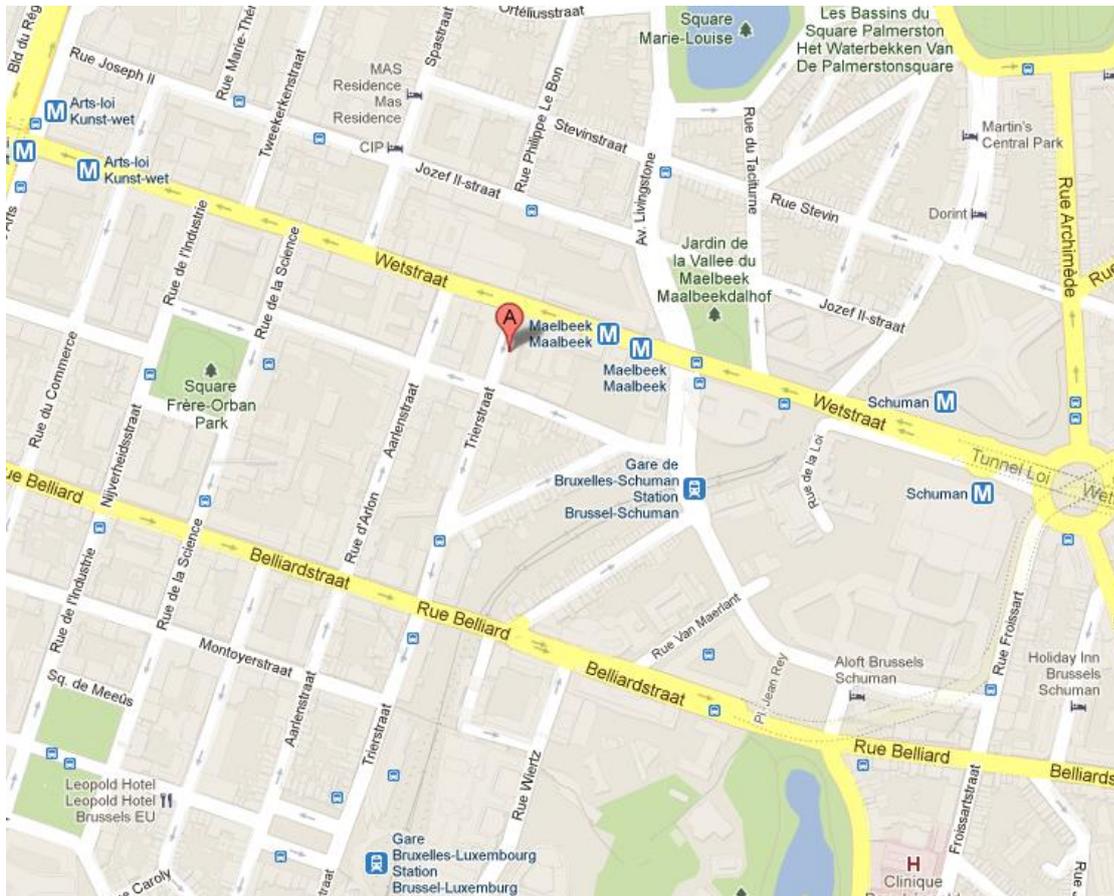
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How to best reach the EUN office and Future Classroom Lab

The office is close to the following places:

- Schuman (buses, metro lines 5 & 1, train, airport bus): 10 min walk
- Luxembourg (buses, train, airport bus): 10 min walk
- Arts-Loi (metro lines 1, 2, 5, 6): 10 min walk
- Maelbeek metro station (lines 1 and 5): take the exit “Rue de la Loi”, 2 min walk
- Thon EU hotel: 1 min walk (across the street)



Be aware of pick-pockets whenever you are in public places, especially when using public transports.

Insurance

Participants are responsible for their own safety and belongings. The registration fee does not cover insurance for the participants. We recommend that participants take out insurance in their home country to cover pre-journey cancellation for personal reasons and necessary insurance to cover accidents, medical expenses and loss of personal belongings during the visit. EU citizens can obtain a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC).

Cancellation policy

If the participant cancels his or her participation up to 6 weeks before the course begins, there are no cancellation fees. If the participation is cancelled between 6 weeks and 2 weeks before the course starts, 50% of the course fee will be charged. If they cancel any later, there will not be any refund. Substitutions are possible right up to the start of the course.

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