

E-education and the labour market

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Purpose of this document:

To describe a best-practice case dealing with broadband technology in education and the labourmarket

Title:

Welgeleghen

Country and Region:

Groningen, Netherlands

Issue:

The use of broadband technology for educational purposes in combination with companies and organisations needs a well thought through approach. In designing this project people were aware of the technical possibilities and the learning methods. But there were also other stakeholders involved. One had to take into account the special needs of the companies and organisations playing an important part in this project. The experiment started in 2002 and has been continued since. The project attracted a number of other Regional Education Centres from all parts of the Netherlands and from Denmark as well.

Approach / strategies / results:

Welgeleghen is a project, which prepares students for entering the labourmarket. The target group are students of social work and social pedagogy at the age of 17-25 or older. It is based on the idea of interactive learning in a nice surrounding, that is why this online tool is designed as a small own with a number of facilities. The tool can help students in many ways: they can find general information on their study, information where to find work placements, cases and tasks to solve, job offers from private or public companies, a library, the daily newspapers etc.

Relevant keywords:

e-education, co-operation with the labour market



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Main impacts

- awareness rising that broadband technology makes learning a different game
- getting in touch with main stakeholders on the labourmarket
- experiential learning and highly motivated students
- good match between students and companies

Recommendations

A project like *Welgeleghen* fulfils the needs of the students as well as of the labour market. All the information available on *Welgeleghen* does not only prepare the students for their later professions, it also brings them in direct contact with the companies. While new methods are provided for self-directed learning, at this interactive site a lot of information is available on practical work situations. The direct links with the companies create low threshold approach and prevents students from wrong expectations

Welgeleghen was developed in 2002 and has improved its functionalities continuously. Because of the various possibilities and ways of learning or getting information, it serves as main site for our students to get contacts, to fulfil tasks, to be in discussion with each other or with their teachers, to apply for a job or work placement. It is, in fact, useless to describe it. You have to try it out yourself

*Welkom in Welgeleghen
interactief leren in een virtuele stadswijk*

www.welgeleghen.nl



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**Welzijn in
Welgeleghen**
Hallo Angelica
Welkom in
Welgeleghen.

Welgeleghen is een virtuele stadswijk op internet. Zoals in alle stadswijken vindt je er een kiosk, bibliotheek, gemeentehuis, café, etc. In deze wijk vindt je daarnaast nog een aantal welzijnsinstellingen waar studenten kunnen solliciteren en gaan werken.

Het laatste nieuws vind je in 'Het Nieuwspaper'
Voor uitleg over Welgeleghen kun je naar het gemeentehuis.

Hoe gebruik je de "**windroos**" van Welgeleghen:

