

Involve Everyone for Peace!

Developing Schools by Involving Everyone

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The idea of involving everyone for peace can be a radical change from the way school communities are structured for decision-making and problem-solving. Schools have set systems of representation and communication. The groups were challenged to invite and include everyone's ideas into decision making processes. Working outside the hierarchical structure must create chaos at first, but with ongoing process of communication a new solution will be developed with widespread support.

Workshop participants shared the decision-making models from their countries of committees and student groups. The concept of an Open Door policy for the headmaster was interesting, while admittedly risky to introduce since it is counter-cultural.

Participants were encouraged to find the areas where there are possibilities to offer additional forums for direct involvement, while honoring existing structures and respecting constraints.