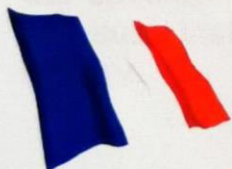




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Refugee Crisis: New Concepts, New
Ideas and New Chances
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During the last twenty years, there has been a change in schools, because of the increase in immigration. The linguistic issue is a central one, sweeping from the need to learn the language of the host society to the need to maintain the language of origin. European policy states that the preservation of diversity, and of linguistic diversity, is one of the main objectives to be reached for the construction of a new European identity. As migration processes are to be considered structural European phenomena, the EU and its member-states are investing in the integration of immigrants and their descendants, thus creating the conditions that should facilitate the development of a prosperous and sustainable multicultural society.

A fundamental help could be to give value to the origins, the culture and the traditions of their country, in order for them to integrate in a better way and compare with their classmates. High schools can create welcoming and inclusive environments through targeted lessons and leadership activities. Giving value to this aspects they will be stimulated to pose themselves on the same level of their equal in age, instead of isolating themselves. Participating in school trips could be a way to help students approach immigrants through dialogue and comparing similarities.



Furthermore older students can be provided with tools to initiate at-home conversations about their families and planning events that are impacted by immigration stories. Finally, students and parents in immigrant and refugee families should receive counseling support on how to prepare for college, financial aid options, and career pathways.



- One of the most effective ways for immigrants to integrate into their new home is to become a naturalized citizen. Citizens gain the right to vote, can run for office and sponsor family members to come to Italy, and most importantly, citizens can never be deported.
- They will also be recognized citizens by local people. Migrants ought to have the opportunity to get a good job to earn money and they may buy a house, they may grow a family and they may lead a normal life as if nothing had happened to them in their past.



- Discover find practices which promote the civic and political participation of immigrants in city life and enhance intercultural understanding within the broader community. This includes citizenship training, voting rights and participation, volunteering, and intercultural and inter-religious dialogue.
- Social inclusion promotes well-being and reduces exclusion and inequality. Discrimination at different levels of society hampers the integration of immigrants. Discrimination also prevents other linguistic and cultural minorities from being included in society and enjoying equality.

- Equality means that no-one is discriminated against because of their gender, age, origin, nationality, language, religion or belief, opinion, political or trade union activity, family, relationships, disability, state of health, sexual orientation or other personal reasons.



As we all know, Sicily is one of the places where a large part of migrants from Africa and not only are hosted.

My town, Modica, gives us a good example of migrant integration since 2014:

For example, do you know the most famous bakery shop of the town, Bonajuto?

If you go there now you will find one of the migrants that came in Italy 5 years ago.

Now he has got a stable economic e social situation: he actually got a driver's license, bought a home and also a car.

We think that we should take inspiration from this act and invent new ways to encourage integration of migrants, especially for the future.



When the immigrants arrive in Italy, they stay in some accommodation centers (like SPRAR) where they are educated to be independent.

An idea would also be to attend classes in which they can learn Italian culture, traditions, history but also arts and crafts.

Then at the end of this project they could take an exam to see if they are ready to be integrated into our society.