

Project 10

Global Classrooms

Sharing your personal
educational journey

- ✓ **Native and fluent English speakers**
Intercultural knowledge and competence for teachers
- ✓ **Integration & education**
- ✓ **English as Lingua Franca in education**

What are we looking for?



We are looking for students with a **migration background**, who have completed their **school education outside Germany** – and would be happy to tell others of their educational experiences.

What is the project about? - The context:



Germany's future teachers work in an increasingly globalised environment. Ideally, preparing young people for the international labour market and responsible conduct in global contexts should begin at school. Teachers must be able to place global developments and the consequences of this on society in context, on the basis of their own experience, and convey relevant content in a specialised, authentic manner.

Future teachers should also be enabled to approach the issue of increasing international and cultural diversity at German schools. International experience and intercultural knowledge help them to teach to the best of their ability. However, it is not always possible for all trainee teachers to spend some time abroad. Thus, it is important to provide **opportunities at home to gain international and intercultural educational experiences**, allowing for reflection and placing one's own teaching professionalisation processes in a global context.

What is the project objective?



This project will provide a **space for educational discourse and exchange in English**. It will highlight differences in as well as similarities of **global educational systems**, and, moreover, individual personal experiences. Thus, awareness of different global educational contexts can be gained and intercultural bonds can be tied.

Individual educational stories and international backgrounds are relayed through a personal lense and can be experienced and discussed by future Bavarian teachers in a genuine communicative exchange, using English as lingua franca of international education.

What do I have to do?



You will have to be willing and able to **share your own individual educational journey with fellow students** at Passau University, who are training to become teachers. You will have to illustrate your story with photos, prepare a presentation, bring some music or any other item you like - and tell us about. You will also have to provide a photo, showing what school children typically eat for lunch in your national context.

To sum up – please tell us about:

- the **country you went to school & the school system**
- your **personal school experiences** – good and bad – and your personal journey which brought you to your current destination, Passau University
- the **food you typically ate at school**. And provide a photo of a typical school lunch pack photo for a collaborative project

How much time do I have to invest?



- **60 minutes during the semester for:** telling us your story, answering questions and discussing educational issues with your German peers
- Time to **prepare your story and illustrate it**
- Time to **provide a „lunch pack photo“ with text** for a collaborative project & exhibition
- Time for **opening ceremony of the exhibition** (on evening in the last week of the winter semester)

Other requirements



Skills and knowledge you need to bring to the project:

- **English**, mother tongue or at least B2+/C1 level
- **Good communication skills**
- **Openness and willingness** to talk about your school experiences and answer questions about the country and culture you went to school in
- **Digital / Design skills** to illustrate your story
- **Creativity** to develop ideas for a future photo exhibition: “lunchboxes around the world”

Cooperation partner



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