

The message is simple: We Are European Citizens!

Teaching children and young people how to be European Citizens is tough. So the team behind We Are European Citizens decided to try something new

Luis Domínguez Castro explains how EU funding allowed a project team from the University of Vigo to engage young people in the subject of European citizenship in a new way:

“ The European funding allowed us to design the comics and the videogames of our project... Working with primary and secondary school students is satisfying when they feel they are the main characters of the story.”

We Are European Citizens brought together primary and secondary school students and teachers with university professors and artists to learn more about Europe and, in particular, the experience of citizenship.

When the project team first sat down with pupils to hear their opinions on Europe and what European citizenship means to them, they found that young people feel "European", but they don't really know what it means to be a European citizen. What's more, the feeling was that the materials available to teach them about the subject were... well, rather boring.

So the team worked alongside students and teachers to find out what would interest them, resulting in a series of comics and interactive videogames. These new materials present Europe as an open gateway, through which we can discover everything around us.

By the end of the project, 656 people had participated in 24 events over 32 days. The materials have now been produced in Spanish, Galician and English, making them accessible to other EU countries. The regional government of Galicia has already committed to sharing them with schools across the region.



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We are European Citizens



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