

« Fairytale - and legendary Europe »

Erasmus+ : KA2

We are looking for a partner school which is interested in working on a project on “European tales, myths, and legends” with us. The project shall focus on tales, myths, and legends, their motifs, their historical, present, and future influences on us as individuals, communities, and societies, and their influence on the physical environment which surrounds us.

We would like to work on the project in different ways: in creative projects (using art, music, and drama/literature), on excursions, and maybe in more theoretical ways as well.

The telling of tales, myths, and legends is a very basic aspect of human cultural behaviour. It is our preceding generations' cultural heritage that we cherish from our earliest stages of development as individuals. Children love to listen to their parents or grandparents telling them of wonderful places, characters, and days long gone. Imagining worlds of wonders and adventures they also like to further develop these tales in individual creative processes.

The tales, myths, and legends which we experience in our childhood give us a sense of the cultural environment we belong to and - providing us with a set of moral ideas and values - serve as a guiding light into our future as socially competent members of harmonious communities and societies. Tales, myths, and legends offer us a sense of our own identity, of where we come from and in which directions we - as individuals and as communities - can develop.

Thus it is worthwhile to deal with the tales, myths, and legends of one's own region. In times of globalization, however, it is not less important to encounter and learn about the tales, myths, and legends that have influenced those whom we meet. The worlds of tales, myths, and legends are wonderful places to meet and to better get to know each other.

Many motifs tales, myths, and legends can be found in variation in different cultural environments and it is an interesting field of research to find out why this is the case. To have a closer look at similarities and differences can be a wonderful way of connecting within the European community and to further develop a European feeling of belonging leading us into a visionary and legendary European future.