European Council for Steiner Waldorf Education

- Network of 26 national Steiner and Waldorf School Associations in Europe;
- Approx. 700 schools in European 28 countries;
- 160,000 pupils are enrolled in our schools Europe-wide;
- Our schools are mostly independent non-profit schools and receive varying degrees of public funding (0-100%);
- Holistic educational approach.
School Autonomy

• Schools should be run by those who understand education best.
• Empower the professionals: teachers!
• Work closely with parents.
• Stronger independence of the educational sector from both politics and business.
• Put civil society in charge of education!
Empowering through Education

• Educate people to participate in a changing society or: Educate people to participate in changing society?
• Education to serve the labour market or: Education towards freedom?
• Is learning mostly defensive or can expansive learning blossom in schools?
• Do students develop their own values, form their own identity?
• Does school transfer knowledge from textbooks or bond people in a joint exploration of the world?
Standardisation or Diversity?

Does
• standardised education,
• standardised assessment,
• standardised accountability
improve educational quality or turn schools into rote learning factories?

We propose
• diversity in education,
• pluralistic assessment for learning,
• peer accountability.
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