Memorandum

passed by the participants of the colloquium “How Does Inclusion Revolutionize Education?” at the Evangelische Schule Berlin-Zentrum on November 9th – 10th, 2012.

The European Forum for Freedom in Education is an NGO which unites parents, educational professionals, teachers, scientists, and schools with varying approaches from several European countries.

1. Comprehensive education for every person is the prerequisite for the development of a socially-minded society, which accepts and supports the value of every single individual. The more the educational system appreciates all people with their different strengths and weaknesses and implements equal participation in mutual education, the better chances arise for educational fairness on all levels of society.

2. In this context, the European Forum for Freedom in Education regards methodical and educational variety as a prerequisite for providing every child and adolescent with an education which matches his or her development.

3. According to the European Forum for Freedom in Education, inclusion means that schools take the children's developmental needs into account, not vice versa. In cooperation with the child's tutors, the goal is to find the right learning places at all times.

4. The European Forum for Freedom in Education supports communication and discussion of multiple educational methods and approaches between private and state schools.

5. Inclusion is not a means to save money.

We are all responsible for education, which includes the reasonable use of available funds. Schools build society, this is how we determine the values of future societies.