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A TOLERANT AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY NEEDS
A FREE AND DIVERSE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM



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Freedom is our *raison d'être*

Freedom and education are inalienable, fundamental rights and they are interdependent. The European Forum for Freedom in Education (*effe*) is committed to educational freedom.

effe stands for

- freedom in education across Europe
- equal educational opportunities
- diversity of educational approaches
- networking and exchange of all those involved

Education needs a voice.

effe is a non-governmental organization (NGO) in the field of education and is represented in Brussels.

effe represents people from more than 30 countries

- policy makers and administrators
- researchers and teachers
- from different pedagogical approaches
- from state and independent schools

effe believes that education is the responsibility of us all. *effe*'s members are committed to protecting the human dignity of each child and promoting the development of individuality. Children and young people need to be empowered to take responsibility for themselves and for others and to be active participants in society.

We need to understand and learn from each other across Europe.

effe encourages and supports transnational exchange of experience. The vision for our work is a Europe which is peaceful, tolerant and culturally diverse both within and between different countries. Everyone should have access to education, regardless of age, gender or ethnicity.

Education needs diversity.

effe supports the right to freedom and diversity in education. For a democratic, free and diverse society we need:

- an unlimited right to education which excludes no one
- diversity of educational approaches
- freedom to develop each child's individuality
- professional autonomy for schools to be able to meet the needs of their students
- opportunities, inclusion, and individual support for all
- educational quality
- equal treatment and equal educational opportunities
- a range of educational pathways
- personal development as a core feature of teacher training
- living, learning educational institutions

„Everyone has the right to education.“

Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.

A tolerant and democratic society needs a liberal and diverse education.

effe was established to:

- bring people together
- facilitate communication
- provide support to individuals and organisations when educational freedom is under threat