

iEARN Suriname YEAR REPORT **june 2008 – may 2009**

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- An outline of the main activities/projects in last 12 months

The activities of iEARN Suriname in the past 12 months were focused on the implementation of several iEARN projects in schools of different levels (primary, secondary), Coordination of YES in Suriname (for first time) and the execution of the Global Teenager Project together with partner schools and organizations in the Netherlands and Dutch Antilles.

Here is an overview of the activities:

1. In July 2008 the my Hero Project was carried out at the George Asin school (junior high school). The whole school worked on the project. Each class had to choose a hero and an exhibition was held of all presentations. This was the first iEARN project in the school. The motivation to carry out more iEARN projects is really high at the school.
2. The learning circles: 7 schools for special education (for slow learning children), 3 primary schools and 4 junior high schools got an ADSL internet connection and 6 months of free internet availability. With the help of the biggest telecommunication provider in the country Telesur this was made possible. They also received donations: personal computers.
3. There is a twinning project between the Kangoeroe school (primary school) and a school in the Netherlands.
4. There was a Learning circle project carried out from February 23 till May 31, 2009 by several schools from Suriname, the Netherlands and Curacao. For the Suriname there were 8 Special Education schools, 5 primary schools and 4 junior high schools. Also involved in this big undertaking were 33 teachers, 3 coordinators (of the iEARN Suriname coordination team) and 200 children.
5. Mrs. Elizabeth Burgos of the iEARN Suriname Coordination team was also actively involved in the facilitation of "Creative Arts online course" and the "OAS Teacher Education for the 21st Century online course".
6. A big opportunity also came our way, as Suriname was selected by the AYUSA Consortium to take part in the Youth Exchange and Study program 2009/2010. Suriname is the first country in the western hemisphere to take part in this beautiful project. We started out very motivated and got 3 schools involved in this pilot. At least 15 schools were approached to take part in this endeavor, of which 3 reacted

positively. After the selection procedures out of 14 candidates the final 5 were chosen. These students are now being prepared to take part in the YES 2009/2010 program. Several activities and projects were carried out in order to give the students the opportunity to prepare themselves in any way possible for this exchange.

- The number of schools/sites involved in iEARN in your country: about 30 schools on several levels: primary, junior high, and special education.
- A list of WWW pages from schools/sites in your country/Center
- A list of hard-copy publications produced by schools/sites in your country/Center this past year (List publications produced in any language)
- Anything special activities in iEARN in your country that you would like to tell people about? (no more than ½ page)
This include the YES program and the Learning circle projects. The last one got much media attention while this first one will get more media attention the coming weeks.

Private section:

- Full contact details of the iEARN Coordinator/Contact person (including phone number)
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- An outline of your plans for the next 12 months
The main focus of our activities in the coming 12 months will be as follows:
 1. Strengthening of the organization structure of iEARN Suriname (reactivation of the iEARN Suriname foundation).
 2. The Learning Circle / Global Teenager projects: getting more schools, teachers and students involved
 3. Intensifying the activities concerning the YES program: getting more schools and students involved.
 4. Getting more schools on the levels of primary education, special education, and secondary education involved in iEARN projects and activities
 5. Setting up an office for improving the coordination of iEARN activities in Suriname.
 6. Setting up more structural relationships and partnerships with relevant national and international organizations
- Any problems that you have had in the last 12 months
 1. getting schools and teachers actively involved in the iEARN projects and activities.
 2. getting the business community more involved in supporting iEARN activities.
 3. having enough financial support in order to carry out iEARN activities

- The names of organizations with who you have partnerships/collaboration agreements.
 1. the ministry of Education and Community development
 2. Global Teenager Project Netherlands
 3. The Round Table in the Netherlands
 4. iEARN Nertherlands
 5. the embassy of the USA in Suriname
 6. AYUSA / ECA (US State department)
 7. The board of the Roman Catholic Education program in Suriname

Finance statement

The main financial contribution was generated from the YES program.

Financial statement June 2008 May 2009

Balance June 2008 :

Receipts : USD 14,819.83

Expenses : USD 14,014.69

Balance May 2009: USD 805.14

Some pictures of YES activities in Suriname

