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'Benefits broad talent development'

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Every child has the right to develop his talents (Unesco)
What does it mean?

1. The government of a country takes the responsibility to offer possibilities to every child
2. The government of a country is responsible for the curricula
3. The government of a country takes care of the costs.

In several countries this is the case.

In other countries we face the following situation:

1. The state is responsible for the salaries, the city for the building etc.
2. The cities are responsible for everything. (Netherlands)
3. The parents have to take a part of the costs.

Europe offers a quite broad spectrum of possibilities.

I remarked in the many countries we visited with EMU, that everywhere the same social and cultural class was participating in our work. Do you agree?

Research shows that that lower class children do not participate in sport- and art education.

What do we mean with the broad talent development?

- a. Are we seriously looking for possibilities to reach other groups?
- b. Who are the partners we are working with?
- c. What do we have to change in our programs, attitudes and way of working?
- d. Do we use enough the research that has been done?
- e. Is teaching 5 times a week to a big group, not more effective than teaching once a week to an individual?