



Educar en Família

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IFED-International freedom in education day

One more year, around this time, the return to school of thousands of youngsters and children, will become the topic of conversation and will fill many first pages of the media. For the seventh consecutive year, those families who have chosen to homeschool their children will meet to share their experiences of homeschooling within the framework of the International Day for Free Education that is celebrated all around the world, to let the public know that an increasing number of Catalan students isn't going back to school this September.

Why are we celebrating this IFED in Catalonia?

To let our whole society know that parents have the possibility to educate their infants and teenagers themselves, and that they can do it in the way they think is most appropriate. When talking with friends and acquaintances which are responsible for a child, most of them will state that school is compulsory (some even believe that school is compulsory from the age of three, or even from nursery). However, the Spanish Constitution (27-3 art.) as well as the Declaration of Human rights (26-3 art.) prioritizes unequivocally the parents' right to choose their children's education.

In Catalonia, the Law of Education of Catalonia (LEC) approved in 2009 recognizes our educational option in article 55. The LEC offers a historic opportunity to end comparative disadvantages up to now suffered by those families that home-educate their children, insofar that our option is now in the framework of non-attending compulsory education.

Now it is the moment to develop a regulation that allows those families that educate their children at home to do it in complete normality.

We hope that the Department of Education, together with the support of those families that home-educate, develops a regulation for this educational option as soon as possible. In this way our sons and daughters will be on equal terms with the other students.

Some countries that are usually considered as a model in the framework of education, such as Finland or Canada, have found ways to regulate alternatives to school, having high numbers of families exercising that right, without it being any source of social conflict. In the rest of Spain, the law still does not contemplate the possibility of a home based education.

Catalonia has paved the road to recognition and regulation of homeschooling in Spain, unequivocally showing thereby its willingness to give support to those people that are involved in the educational processes to contribute to the European standardization on the subject of educational legislation. But let's not forget that there is still a lot of work to be done, and that this regulation will be a huge step forward for Catalonia to have an open, modern and plural education that respects all different options.



The 55 art. from the 12/2009 law (LEC) recognizes compulsory non-attending education (homeschooling)

Home education, simply a right.



IFED INTERNATIONAL FREEDOM IN EDUCATION DAY
Saturday, September 15, 2012. Ciutadella park, BCN (opposite the Ludoteca)
from 12:00 p.m to 17:00 p.m

Meeting of families, open to anyone who may be searching for information

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