



ANKARA
UNIVERSITY
CHILDREN'S
UNIVERSITY

'Educational' Approaches: Ankara University Example

AIMS

- increasing the number of teenagers that involves upper education
- support formal education with laboratories and other facilities of universities
- promoting science.

BASIC ABILITIES

- Critical thinking
- Creative thinking
- Efficient Communication
- Research & Inquiry Skills
- Problem Solving
- Using Information Technology
- Entrepreneurial Skills
- Efficient and Good Use of Mother Tongue

DIDACTIC ??

- Come – play – have fun – go ?
- formal education ?
- is it possible to say that Children's Universities are not didactic?

ACADEMIC STRUCTURING

- Science departments that run program intended to gain consciousness or at least raise awareness on their subjects
- Educational Sciences department's criteria used for developing programs.

DIDACTIC APPROACHES

- every Children's University is didactic!
- develop a program with considering whole aspects of children's educational and pedagogical development.

ANKARA UNIVERSITY EXAMPLE

- first programs that carries on C.U. concept launch at 2007
- official opening of coordination office:
2009 June
- Philosophy:
"university is such a place that enables children to gain basic life skills"

ANKARA UNIVERSITY EXAMPLE

- Coordination Office
 - Scientific advisory board
 - Administrative team

Basic Criteria for Opening New Program

- Functionality
- Flexibility
- Social and cultural values
- Applicability

RUNNING PROGRAMS

CREATIVE IDEAS

- Subject: drama-aided technology program
- Age-group: 10-11 ages, 12-14 ages
- Duration: 14 weeks – 3 hours in a week
- Methods: whole program is structured as drama aided role-play
- Educational environment: drama studio and technology laboratory
- Main aims:
 - IT skills,
 - awareness to daily life devices
 - Problem solving

RUNNING PROGRAMS

LIFE SCIENCES

- Subject: Anthropology program
- Age-group: 10-12 ages ages
- Duration: 12-day camp program
- Methods: drama and sport are methods to make children understand the evolution process not only by their intellects but also by their bodies
- Educational environment: university's educational and social facilities
 - ski at winter camp
 - swimming at summer camp
- Main aim: make children be aware of the evolution process, the place and the importance human being and themselves in the world

RUNNING PROGRAMS

■ **earth-science school**

- subject: earth science program
- age-group: 10
- duration: 1-day

■ **bug festival**

- subject: entomology program
- age-group: 8-9, 10-11, 12-14
- duration: 1-day

■ **water school**

- subject: hydrobiology program
- Age-group: 10 - 12
- duration: 2-day

COMPLETED PROGRAMS

■ **philosophy**

- department: philosophy
- age-group: 12-14
- duration: 6-day camp

■ **little gardeners**

- department: plant protection
- age-group: 8-9, 10-11, 12-14
- duration: 12-day in 6 months

■ **astronomy**

- department: astronomy and space sciences
- Age-group: 5-6, 7-9, 10 - 12
- duration: 1-day / 14-week

STILL WORKING ON

■ climbing and nature

- department: geography
- age-group: 10-14
- duration: 1-day

■ communication museum

- department: electronics engineering
- age-group: 5-6
- duration: 4-week

■ 3rd dimension

- department: computer engineering
- Age-group: 5-6
- duration: 14-week

EVALUATION

- approval of educational sciences department
- measurement and evaluation program
 - revisions by feedbacks
- development of basic abilities

IDEAS

EUCU.NET & FUTURE WORKS

- minimum criteria that every activity should provide
- age's pedagogic and developmental characteristic
- EUCU.NET
 - determining policies of C.U.s' in the world



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