



## Practical solutions to our problems...

- Creating a positive learning environment in our school will allow our students to feel comfortable, safe and engaged – something that all students deserve. In a school where values and roles remain constant and focus is placed on the positive aspects of learning, students will be more open to actively participating in class.
- If they are given the opportunity to become responsible for their own learning, students will be more likely to benefit from the lesson, and thus more likely to be self-motivated. This should be a primary goal for all teachers, since lack of motivation is often the root of disciplinary issues and early school leaving.

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- We planted trees, flowers and shrubs on our animal farm and school yard.
- Our main goal was to share practical skills and create network between students from different educational profiles. Students under risk of dropping out have participated in these activities too. Through the activity they have made new friendships, become more integrated in peer group and got opportunity to present their skills.

## Practical solutions to our problems...

### **Student lounge**

The Student Lounge is a comfortable area open to students for gathering, studying, and relaxing before, after and between classes. The Lounge is equipped with comfortable furniture, bus schedules, TV's, and a magazine swap table.

The Lounge also hosts student events such as open stage, live entertainment, video game tournaments, and other events.

### We've created new tools

- Student TV station
- Welcome cards
- Trees and shrubs planting in country rural communities.
- Student Lounge

# Trees and shrubs planting in country rural communities

#### **Benefits**

- Our students come from many villages in our county.
- In order to present our school to 8<sup>th</sup> graders we visit primary schools in these villages and plant trees, shrubs and flowers in their community.
- Our students, preferably those in risk, come along and plant with primary school teachers and students. This way, they get a new, more important roles in their community, as someone who is taking care of plants, who is teaching members of community how to grow plants and someone who contributes to community and creates better environment in their village.

### **Student TV station**

#### **Benefits**

- Affirmation of student's work and their integration in society
- Students at risk can take more prized roles, such as to be TV presenters, interviewers, reporters, editors, managers, actors...
- TV station products are not public

### Welcome cards

#### **Benefits**

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade students get welcome cards with their photo and text which contain rights, responsibilities and advices
- This is permanent memory of their first high school days
- Pro tip ©
- Organize an event for 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Let them show their talents like singing, dancing, acting... This way they get to develop sense of engagement, but also get to know each other, fit in a peer group and make new friendships