

Museum Education in Improving Teacher Quality

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In the last few decades the increase of the secondary school population in most European countries has made teachers' work more difficult, because of a large number of social factors.

In many countries museum education is considered as a strategy to integrate and improve schools' educational proposal, because it can help coping some of the issues mentioned below:

- according to the International Council of Museums, good practices in museum education at school level help increasing the general cultural level of the adult population;
- museum education is very effective in enhancing students' motivation.
- museum contents can be used in a very large number of ways to deepen academic content.

If it easy to acknowledge the role of museum education in improving teacher quality, it must also be said that a careful assessment of its impact is also necessary to guide teachers' activity.

In my presentation I am going to describe an experiment of museum education organised in Rome, the methodology used, the assessment tools and its main results.