

Letter to the DARE Forum

Dear members of the DARE Forum,

Dear mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters of DEEEP,

You created DEEEP twelve years ago and it was a great journey. Now DEEEP4 has come to an end.

We would like to thank you for setting up this project which allowed us as a team to live an amazing learning journey over the last years. All of us in the team deeply enjoyed the opportunity to work with you, the experience and expertise we gathered along the way and the way in which we collectively shaped DEEEP as a “transformational action experiment” in support of the European and global development education and awareness raising (DEAR) community.

With DEEEP4, we dared to go far beyond the traditional scope of DEAR. Together we aimed “...to contribute to the creation of a global civil society through citizens’ empowerment for change in order to achieve global justice and eradication of poverty.” This was quite a task! And even more, we together agreed, at the beginning of the project, to address these challenges by looking at the systemic root causes of exploitation of people and planet... Over the last three years we hope we have started to weave the global web of educators, advocates and activists for systemic change a little tighter.

But the task is far from done – and you have a role to play: we hope that the DARE Forum together with all those committed to creating a fairer world, will continue to embrace an ambitious and systemic perspective, based on a strong value base and live up to it! And as CONCORD has now put global citizenship as one of the four pillars of its new strategy, it would be imperative for the European DEAR community to engage more in putting this into reality. The DARE Forum has brought so much to the development and DEAR community and beyond – and not only through the tool DEEEP was – we urge you to please continue pursuing this way!

We will never forget the experience and will continue individually to strive for the same aim, so if we can assist you in the future in your work, feel free to give us a call.

In as much as we are pained to say goodbye, we remain your beloved team,

With DEEEP love,

The DEEEP team

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