

CENTRE OF KNOWLEDGE INFORMATION WEBSITE

ONLINE COMMUNITIES ONLINE LEARNING CONTENT WEBSITES

MEETING PLACE FOR ALL

WEBSITES AND SOCIAL NETWORKS

## Objective

ENSURE EQUALITY FOR ALL STUDENTS, AS STATED IN ICELANDIC LAW.

STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BE-TWEEN TEACHERS NO MATTER WHERE THEY RESIDE.

PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS WITH COMMUNICATION TOOLS AND PRACTICAL MATERIAL.

MAKE MATERIAL MORE ACCESSIBLE AND JOIN FORCES BY SHARING KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND FUNDS.

## Factors



## Support

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE OF ICELAND, REYKJAVIK DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ICE-LAND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE PROJECT WITH FACIL-ITIES AND HUMAN RESOURCES. INDIVIDUALS AND SEV-ERAL ORGANISATIONS OF LANGUAGE TEACHERS HAVE ALSO BEEN INVOLVED.

THE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, START-UP FUND (SPROTASJÓÐUR), THE DANISH-ICELANDIC FUND, PRIMARY SCHOOL'S FUNDS FOR REFRESHER COURSES, THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IMMIGRANT ISSUES, NORDPLUS AND THE DIRECTORATE OF LABOUR.

- Hello and thank you all for coming to this poster session.
- My name is Þorbjörg Þorsteinsdóttir and I'm here as a spokesperson for the project called Tungumálatorgið.
- My co-presenter and co-worker Brynhildur Anna Ragnarsdóttir that was here yesterday sends her best regards from Flatey in Breiðafjörður.
- Tungumálatorgið or <u>the Online Meeting-point for Language</u> <u>Teachers in Iceland</u> is organized as a 3 year start-up project and it's websites and social networks will open this autum.
- The main aim of the project is to be an <u>online center</u> of knowledge concerning language teaching and learning as well as for intercultural matters. TMT is aimed at all school levels - all languages – and all teachers
- To start with there will be areas for <u>Danish</u> teachers, <u>Norwegian</u> and <u>Swedish</u> teachers, teachers of <u>Icelandic as a</u> <u>foreign language</u>, parents and teachers of <u>Polish</u> children, parents of <u>Spanish</u> children in Iceland and teachers of <u>Icelandic</u> children living abroad. (upptalning)
- And Tungumálatorgið offers space for many more languages.
- It's objective is to
  - Ensure equality for all students as stated in icelandic law and legislation.
  - Strenghten cooperation beetween teacher no matter where they live (reside).
  - Provide professional support for teachers with communication tools and practical material.
  - Make material more accessible and join forces by sharing knowledge, experience and funds.
  - Providing information, collect and promote all kinds og useful material, provide pedagogical consultation, Increase quality of school work, prevent teachers, schools and district from (duplication that is from) doing the same thing twice over and support parents to maintain their childrens mother tongue.
- We will build up on factors shown with the symbols on the poster.
- The Project has been funded by institutions and funds and individuals and several organistaions have been involved.
- Tungumálatorgið will be the online center of languages in Iceland that and builds up on best practice and encourage teamwork of teachers – to benefit all students.
- I guess I will end with the statement that we are not building anything new but we are bringing it all together.
- Thank you for sharing your time with me.