
Pinocchio and the Childhood Rights



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Erasmus+ “Valuing Play”

La mostra vuole raccontare la storia di Innocenzo e attraverso un percorso composto da scenografie orientate ad un diritto contenuto nella "Convenzione dei diritti dell'infanzia e dell'adolescenza".

Al visitatore:

quando arriva rifletti...

"tutti i bambini e le bambine della Terra hanno dei diritti, che spesso vengono loro negati, così come sono stati negati al Burellino Innocenzo".



L'era una volta...
- Ah re! - diranno subito i miei piccoli lettori.
No, ragazzi, avete sbagliato.
L'era una volta un paese di legno...
che viaggiava nel Paese dei Diritti.

Once upon a time Geppetto, an old carpenter, made a puppet that had a big long nose. His body was made of wood. Because he was made of wood he was called after a pine: Pinocchio.



- *Art. 7 - You have the right to be given a name at the moment of birth and registered.*
- *Art. 23 - If you are disabled you have the right to special care and to an education that allows you to grow as all children.*

Pinocchio was good but sometimes clumsy which made him difficult at times. Sometimes he would be angry, sometimes wanting to run away, sometimes distracted to the point that once he burned his feet while sleeping too close to a fire



- *Art. 27 - You have the right to a good standard of living: food. Clothing, shelter, must be guaranteed.*

Geppetto rebuilt Pinocchio's feet making them better than before. To help Pinocchio, Geppetto thought that it would be better if Pinocchio went to school. So he sold his jacket to buy Pinocchio clothes, books, pencils, notebooks and all the necessary things for school.



- *Art. 18 - Your parents, or guardians, have to do what is best for you.*

While Pinocchio is going to school he sees a puppet show and forgets Geppetto's warnings and joins the puppet theatre.



- Art. 14 - *You have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.*

On stage Pinocchio meets many new puppet friends. They are happy and content and Mangiafuoco, the puppet man, gives him five coins.

- *Art. 30 - If You belong to a minority group, you have the right to maintain your culture and religion.*



Pinocchio returns home. Along the way he encounters two scoundrels: a Blind Cat and a Limping Fox, that propose to Pinocchio how to invest his money. They try to convince him to plant his coins in the miracle field so that his money would multiply.



- *Art. 17 - You have the right to receive information that you can understand.*

Pinocchio refuses and runs away but the Fox and the Cat catch him, steal his money and hang him to a tree.

- Art. 6 - *You have the inherent right to life.*



Fortunately having been made of wood Pinocchio doesn't die and the Turquoise Fairy saves him and takes care of his fever.



- *Art. 6 - If You do not have parents You have the right to be protected and helped in a special way.*

The Turquoise Fairy calls three doctors: a Grasshopper, a Crow and an Owl, that give him a special but very bitter medicine to cure him.



- *Art. 24 - Adults must do everything in order to avoid that the child gets sick.*

Pinocchio feels better and while returning to his dad encounters the Fox and the Cat again, whom convince him to plant his coins in the ground in *Acchiappacitrulli* village with the promise that in spring the coins would grow like a tree with a lot of money.



- *Art. 3 - Adults must do what is best for the child.*

Pinocchio understands that he had been tricked and goes to a judge but he sends the innocent Pinocchio to jail.

- *Art. 40 - You have the right to defend yourself if you believe that you have been treated unjustly.*



Once freed from jail Pinocchio hungry steals and eats some grapes from a vineyard. The owner catches him and chains him to the dog chain telling him: - my dog Melampo has gone so you must guard my house and my vineyard.



- *Art. 19 - Nobody has the right to abuse or hurt You but You have the right to be protected.*

Pinocchio is rescued by a Dove who actually was the Turquoise Fairy. After having scolded him, Pinocchio promises her to learn to write, to read and to count.



- *Art. 28 - You have the right to receive a free education.*

Once again Pinocchio does not keep his promise and while going to school he stops to play with friends but the play become a riot and a child faints. All the children run away and Pinocchio, left alone, is captured by the guardians that believe he is an assassin. Pinocchio manages to escape and throws himself in the sea. An angry fisherman fishes him and tries to fry him.



- *Art. 28 - Nobody can kidnap You or allow the illegal transfer of You aborad and no-return.*

The Turquoise Fairy saves Pinocchio once again. Pinocchio promises her to be good but once again he meets Lucignolo who is on his way to the *Toyland* and convinces Pinocchio to go with him. In this wonderful village they spend their time playing, singing, and laughing.



- Art. 31 – *You have the right to play.*

As the children played slowly, under a magic spell, they began to transform into donkeys and sold to the owner of a big circus.



- *Art. 35 - Nobody has the right to sell you.*

At the circus Pinocchio hurts his leg and the owner does away with him throwing him into the sea where he is swallowed by a whale. But to his surprise in the whale's stomach he finally encounters his dad Geppetto. Together, while the whale was sleeping they escape and together they return home happy and safe.



- *Art. 10 - If You and your parents live in different countries you have the right to reach one another in the same country to live together.*

At the end Pinocchio the puppet understands the importance of behaving well and his rights, so he is transformed by Turquoise Fairy into a human being and...

...they all lived happily ever after.



The theme of Childhood Rights was chosen as a background for all our activities within the Erasmus + "Valuing play"

Teachers, pupils and parents organized dramas, art & craft exhibitions, songs, plays,..all has been inspired by the story of Pinocchio, a traditional Italian tale written by Collodi, to get the message and knowledge about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)



This e-book was freely taken from the book "Pinocchio nel paese dei diritti", curated by the Italian Committee for UNICEF.



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