

## An International Trio meet in Sweden

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During the year 2008 three young international student teachers benefited from the Erasmus scholarships to do their practical teaching studies in Halmstad, Sweden. They were Sule Tepetas , from the University of Ankara in Turkey, Lea Nakrst from Slovenia and Theresa Kuenzel from Germany. The three became firm friends and discovered a mutual interest for their studies in Storyline. In the Swedish schools they could see Storyline in action and this attracted them.

By good fortune, in April 2008, Ylva Lundin and her Storyline Sweden colleagues had organised a Nordic Storyline Conference on the theme of “Storyline for Sustainable Development”. Both Theresa and Lea were able to attend and took the opportunity to participate on the pre-conference workshop with Steve Bell (Storyline Scotland) & Rebecca Plaskitt (Storyline Design, USA) as well as visiting several other presentations.

The outcome for all three has been amazing. Lea’s Storyline presentation for her examination in Slovenia was wonderful (a copy can be read on [www.storyline-scotland.com/news.html](http://www.storyline-scotland.com/news.html) ) and she has since been invited to work as a presenter on ESL Storyline courses/conferences in Glasgow and Kiel by Gisela Ehlers of IQSH Kiel, Director of the Comenius Project “Creative Dialogues”.

In 2010 Sule, now studying for her PhD persuaded her Professor who is the Chair of the Association for Early Childhood Education in Turkey to invite Sallie Harkness and Steve Bell to speak at their Spring Conference in Ankara University and to present two Storyline courses for the participants. This event took place on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 and proved to be very successful and rewarding.

Theresa's studies have also been successful since her return to Germany. While working with Storyline in schools she found the teachers and pupils very receptive. She also appreciated the help given to her in her studies by Ulf Schwänke author of Die Storyline Methode (2005, published by Auer Verlag). Now she is thinking of studying for a PhD but in preparation for that she has organised that she can travel to Scotland to work in a Storyline school for the first term of next session – September 2010.

It is so encouraging to witness the energy and enthusiasm that motivates this amazing trio. They are to be congratulated.

