

WHY WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE A PEER TO TAKE PART?

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GP: Hello, I am Gaël Potter and I teach the Environmental Technology course at the André-Chavanne College and Business School in Geneva. I took part in a project with Onl'fait with my mature students.

What are the strengths of this project?

The first thing of course is to get out of school, get out outside the walls, get out of the school setting, to be able to take them to other places, meet other people, other stakeholders. What the students in my opinion appreciated, which will perhaps leave an impression on them, is the act of learning by doing, by having a concrete project, by putting their hands on materials. This allows them to come up with a finished product. One last thing I could add is that in this project we were able to come face to face with scientists who were working in the field and who were really involved in this theme on a day-to-day basis, who were able to present what they were doing or go a long way with us. And then I think the students realized that what they were doing was not just something that was on the program but it was something that really concerned the people who were working on it. It has grounded it in reality that is a little more tangible than just the usual teaching.

So for all these reasons I would recommend to anyone who has the time and the motivation to try to do a project for a semester or a few months with Onl'fait and test Open Schooling.