

British game professor met with students in Turkey

Speaking at the "International Psychology Day" organized for the first time this year at Istanbul Gelişim University (IGU), the game professor Sue Jennings said: "We are trying to contribute to the development of children's health, their relationship and their ability to overcome the trauma after the moments of crisis. Although the game means having fun, it is also a tool to help learn."

Sue Jennings, the game professor and story teller, who was a speaker at the workshop "Play Therapy and Neurodramatic Play" within the conference, said: "I am passionate about playing games with children and adults, I have studies on neurodramatic play. We are trying to contribute to the development of healthy children, to establish a relationship and to overcome the trauma after the crisis. Although the game means having fun, it is also a tool to help learn."

"TO KEEP THIS EXPERIENCE ALIVE IS VERY IMPORTANT"

Prof. Dr. Jennings, expressing that the conference was fun, added: "My goal was to have a gaming experience. Here we blow bubbles, play with clay and create stories. And in this way they had a game experience. The important thing is not to tell them this, but to make them experience this".

"ADULTS ALSO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH GAME"

Being also the founder of the neurodramatic play theory Prof. Dr. Jennings, told: "My neurodramatic theory studies stem from my life experience with a tribe in Malaysia when I was doing my dissertation. Together with my children, we stayed in a village for a year and a half. And here we saw that not only the children but also the adults experience things by playing. So this is a very important point"

"PERCEPTION STARTS IN THE WOMB"

Prof. Dr. Jennings voicing that family members should play games with their children, also added: "Before the formation of this theory, there was an idea that children began to develop an interactive game from the age of one. But as a result of my research, it was understood that this perception was actually in the mother's womb. Here's the communication between your mother and father. More interactive and intense games need to be played between family members and children after the child is born".

"PATIENTS WITH DEMANTIA MUST PLAY GAMES TOO"

Prof. Dr. Jennings also carried out various studies with people with dementia. In this context, she added: "The main purpose of the play therapy with the elderly was to find or delay treatment for their memory loss. We've actually seen this therapy work. People often solve

puzzles or play sudoku. However, physical movement or participation in game therapies may be more useful for the elderly.”

SAS students visit business enterprises

The students of Istanbul Gelişim University School of Applied Sciences Gastronomy Department are also preparing their careers with theoretical lessons as well as their social life practices.

Under the supervision of Lecturer Tolgahan Tabak, the students of the “Menu Planning and Cost Management” course visit the brand companies operating in the food and beverage sector in Istanbul and learn about the practice of the course from experienced persons.

Students visiting Mendel’s Chocolatier Akaretler, met with the founder of Mendel’s Chocolatier - Lokmata and Matilda, Atahan Yersel, and listened to his suggestions about their careers.

“Students take on the role of voluntary cultural ambassador”

Istanbul Gelişim University Erasmus Coordinator Alisa Usubova stated that exchange programs contributed greatly to the internationalization of universities: “students going abroad from Turkey almost take on a cultural embassy mission voluntarily and plays a main role is promoting Turkish culture”

It is known that in the last 3 years with student exchange programs, while over 12 thousand foreign students came to Turkey, about 19 thousand Turkish students also went abroad. Erasmus Coordinator Usubova, who explained the aims of the Erasmus Exchange program, said: “The program enhances international cooperation and strengthens the European dimension of education in higher education. By providing intercultural interaction between students and academics, it aims to contribute to the strengthening of the professional skills and personal development of the participants and their social and cultural development. The program also aims to provide new skills and increase employment opportunities, regardless of age and educational backgrounds, and supports individual learning opportunities and institutional collaborations. Students going abroad from Turkey almost take on a cultural embassy mission voluntarily and plays a main role is promoting Turkish culture”.

“WE HAVE AGREEMENT WITH 94 DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS IN 21 COUNTRIES”

Usubova touching on that all students at associate, undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate level can benefit from Erasmus program, also added: “With this program, students can engage in an internship activity in any institution related to their academic field

and student mobility between 3 and 12 months at a contracted university in the EU. We have 150 Erasmus agreements with 94 different institutions in 21 countries. As a university, we participate in Erasmus programs with an increasing number of students and faculty members. Erasmus Program is a program where students can contribute to themselves at each field, improve themselves, be more self-confident and broaden their horizons. Any student who meets the requirements can benefit from this option”.

“WE MAKE VISA, INSURANCE AND GRANT TRANSACTIONS”

Usubova stated that as Erasmus Coordinatorship they provide support to students on all necessary subjects from the beginning to the end of mobility, said: “In order to provide detailed information about the program, we organize various adaptation programs and meetings. Receiving students' applications, sending student information to institutions abroad, visa, insurance and grant transactions are provided by us. We take part as Erasmus Coordinatorship in all stages of Erasmus Mobility. In such a way that students can communicate with our office without any hesitation of any difficulties and problems they face before they leave”.

“GERMANY IS MOSTLY PREFERRED”

Usubova stated that 32 students were sent abroad within the scope of Erasmus learning mobility in the 2018-2019 Academic Year Fall Semester and continued her speech as follows:

“Of these, 15 are girls and 17 are boys. In the spring semester, 50 more students will participate in this mobility. Students mostly prefer Germany, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Croatia, Slovakia and Italy. And mostly preferred universities are Nürtingen-Geislingen University, Lublin University of Technology, Tischner European University, Cracow University of Technology, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, University of Rijeka, University of Zlín, Coimbra Institute of Engineering, Comenius University in Bratislava, Universidad Autónoma De Madrid, University of Pavia”.

“SEMESTER EXTENSION IS NOT A CASE”

In addition, Usubova stating that the Bologna process was followed in IGU regarding the equivalence of the education received abroad, added: “The courses to be taken by the students abroad and the courses to be taken here are balanced by the department coordinator in our university. Students do not have a period extension unless they are unsuccessful due to the recognition of the courses before attending the mobility”.

Collaboration visit from Pakistan Shah Abdul Latif University to IGU

A group of academicians from Pakistan Shah Abdul Latif University visited Istanbul Gelişim University.

Following the meetings held at the Deanery of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the delegation came together with IGU Vice Rector for Accreditation and Quality Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş and was informed about the accredited programs of the university and made offers about the possible collaborations.

“WE HAVE A LOT TO LEARN FROM YOU”

Head of the Department of Computer Science at Shah Abdul Latif University Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, stated that universities can benefit from each other's experiences: "Pakistan and Turkey are very close and the two countries have very good friendship. It is important that we share our experiences. Istanbul Gelişim University has a good infrastructure and a very special university position in Turkey. We have a lot to learn from IGU with the collaborations that will take place.

“OUR UNIVERSITY IS ALSO YOUR UNIVERSITY”

Rector of IGU Prof. Dr. Burhan Aykaç stated that they are ready for any kind of cooperation and added: “We have good relations with Pakistan, but we need to strengthen our relations at university level. Istanbul Gelişim University is also your university”.