



Earlier today the Formentera Council's office of education unveiled its programme Escola de pares i mares (School for parents: a common ground for education). In a presentation before members of the press, department head Susana Labrador explained the details of the programme, to be based around five informational talks offered to parents and teachers from Wednesday 24 February to Monday 18 April.

«This school for parents picks up where the ones in 2012 and 2014 left off», pointed out Councillor Labrador, «and adds something new entirely: the creation of a learning space shared by families and teachers». The goal is to create an «educational common ground», which explains the partnership between the CiF office of education, the Formentera parents association (FAPA) and the island's resource centre for teachers, the CEP. Organisers see the school as a forum for families, teachers and student representatives to talk about their concerns. Says Labrador, the inclusion of teachers in the talks was important for everyone.

Also at the presentation were Rosa Martí, director of the CEP in Formentera, and Francesca Faccioli and Sonia Ramos, two representatives of FAPA. Faccioli hopes the school becomes «a tool to improve teacher-parent communication» and Martí described it as «a way to combine our efforts», assuring, «all of us here have the same goals».

The two FAPA representatives are eager to see parents taking an active role and enthusiastic about the prospects for experience sharing the school promises.

For her part, Labrador explained that the school for parents «was conceived as a place for continued education, shared experiences and group reflection» for the two key players in the educational community: families and teachers. She stressed, however, that the undisputed stars of the show are «the pupils themselves». As Labrador is quick to point out, «the goal of the conferences is to improve learning and find strategies to communicate with our students. To get to know them better, ensure our relationships with them are healthy. What this is really about is promoting healthy all-around development». The CEP will also coordinate a seminar with the same speakers for local teachers.

The school for parents includes following five talks:

- 24 February, 10 a.m. "Alta Capacitat Intel·lectual (High Intellectual Ability)" by ACTEF Eivissa-Formentera.

Place: CEP classroom – the old Sant Francesc schoolhouse

- 4 March, 7 p.m. "Sexe, drogues i...Bon Rotllo!! (Sex, drugs and...good vibes!! How to talk with your children)" by Paco Pérez, psychologist at CREIX and educator for teachers and families.

Place: Conference hall of the office of culture

- 10 March, 11 a.m. "Pedagogia sistèmica (Systemic pedagogy, new perspectives in education)" by Carles Parellada, teacher, specialist in psychomotricity and systemic therapy.

Place: CEP classroom – the old Sant Francesc schoolhouse

- 14 March, 7 p.m. "Intel·ligència emocional (Emotional intelligence: the emotional bond between you and your children)" by Julián Jorge, child and adult psychologist, educator and counsellor for families and schools.

Place: Conference hall of the office of culture

- 18 April, 7 p.m. "Comunitats d'aprenentatge (Learning communities: Meeting points for families and schools)" by Montserrat Íñiguez, founder of Joan Coromines school and educator in learning communities.

Place: Conference hall of the office of culture