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Example of engaging high school students as explainers

An Austrian high school turned upside-down: In our project, students (aged 15 to 17) took over responsibility for running hands-on science workshops for primary school children.

We recently conducted a successful project in an Austrian high school where we trained 20 students (aged 15 to 17) to become explainers and experiment together with primary school children in workshops.

In groups of 6, the students took responsibility for running the workshops, handling complex interactions and engaging younger children at exhibits and experiments. Within three weeks 18 workshops were conducted - with a total of 14 exhibits and experiments to be discovered.

We received very positive feedback from our young explainers and their teachers as well as from primary school teachers and children of the region. We were very impressed to see how the students developed their skills and gained confidence during these three weeks. They learned to communicate their knowledge in a way that primary school children could understand, and support them in their own research process.

We made positive experiences with „high school explainers“ also in another project where we bring together high school students and primary school children all over Austria in order to experiment together for a day.

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