

Þróunarsjóður innflytjendamála 2013

Development Fund for Immigration Issues 2013

Heiti verkefnis: Language development for Turkish immigrants and their children

Nafn styrkþega: Tyrknesk Íslenska Menningarfélagið

Útdráttur: Main goal of our project was to enhance opportunities for Icelandic/Turkish children in schools and to improve the language skills of children who have Turkish parent(s). Secondary goal was to help Turkish origin adults to improve their Icelandic language skills and social awareness in Iceland through conversation and reading groups in order to help the integration of Turkish immigrants into Icelandic community.

By strengthening children's bilingualism we hoped to enhance their opportunities in the society.

Firstly we established a library with Turkish children's books and other learning material. We also gathered Icelandic learning material for parents. We held Turkish language classes for kids where we read books, played games and sang children songs to facilitate language development. For adults, we held conversation/ reading sessions which was facilitated by native Icelandic speaking teacher.