

<b>Being a democratic school means:</b>	<b>This can be supported by:</b>	<b>This is how you could get started:</b> (Feel free to use the grid on Page 2 to sort your ideas)
Enabling informal encounters	Preparing places where students can meet by chance and spend time together spontaneously	<p>Take a walk through your school with open eyes and an open mind: Where do the students at your school usually run into each other? Where do they like to hang out? In addition, try to trace the typical movement of students and teachers in everyday school life: Are there "natural meeting points" where everyone passes by a few times a day? If so, this would be a good place to initiate a meeting place.</p>
	Preparing places where teachers can meet by chance and spend time together spontaneously	<p>Once you have identified and/or selected a space that would be suitable as a meeting place, create "pull factors" to attract the students: perhaps a kiosk serving a variety of good food, a drinking fountain to fill up water bottles, an information desk, etc. (Feel free to conduct a small survey to find out what the students would like to see). In addition, provide your new meeting place with a pleasant atmosphere that invites people to stay: for example, with seating from which you can observe the people passing by - but also with more hidden corners where you can talk face to face. In other words, try to create a kind of public village square in a prominent place in your school where students can meet and talk to each other.</p>
	Preparing places where students and teachers can meet by chance and spend time together spontaneously	<p>Ideally, you can combine the meeting place with offers for the teachers: for example, the possibility to buy high-quality coffee. In this way, spontaneous conversations can take place between teachers and students - while at the same time the new "village square" is supervised automatically.</p> <p>The same goes for the separate teachers' area: For this area, get a good coffee machine as well, which will attract the teachers more or less automatically. Maybe you can also put a microwave next to it so that the staff can heat up the food they have brought with them. This automatically creates times and spaces for conversations and exchange.</p>

This initiative to enable informal encounters ...	... can be implemented quickly	... requires some lead time	... requires a rather long lead time
... is inexpensive to implement			
... is not inexpensive, but not too expensive either			
... is quite expensive and can only be realised with additional funds			