

The explore-it association. Inventors and tinkerers.

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The explore-it association was founded in 2008 with the aim of promoting the understanding of technology and natural sciences among children and young people. To date, the association has developed 12 different learning environments, has organized teacher education courses for around 4,000 teachers, and provided approximately 180,000 students in Switzerland with packs of materials.

The association is based in Leuk Stadt (Canton of Valais).



Objectives

The aim of the association is to promote the understanding of STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) among children and young people. The starting point for exploring STEM subjects is the construction of a technical object. explore-it equips teachers with boxes of materials that are designed to be used directly by learners. Creative and experimental access to the materials opens up a wide range of possibilities for classes, and for hands-on understanding of the scientific and technical content through play.

Promoting STEM in Ticino schools

It is mainly school classes that are supported in order to reach as many learners as possible. The explore-it association takes over responsibility for preparing the content and obtaining materials from teachers. All the tasks, explanations, and opportunities for discussion are available on the explore-it website, and the boxes of materials can be provided at a reduced price thanks to sponsors. The tasks and instructions are designed in such a way that they can be dealt with in normal classrooms without special laboratory or workshop equipment. Thanks to this support, even teachers with little prior knowledge can teach interesting and instructive STEM classes.

With Credit Suisse's support, explore-it is able to provide learning materials for around 200 students in the Canton of Ticino per year, and train teachers.

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