

## Protocol 'Just watching'

*In the Open Doors project, teachers literally open their doors for others. The basic idea of 'just watching' is that the observer is curious or has a question about a topic. 'Show me how you do this'.*

### Planning

#### 1. Beforehand

Discuss the following (by phone) before the meeting:

- *Content*
  - o What would be possible, and what would I like to see from this colleague?
- *Process/practical agreements*
  - o What is the location of the meeting?
  - o When is the meeting scheduled?
  - o How long will I stay?
  - o Is there anything else I can do besides just watching? Can I do something for you?
  - o How are you going to inform the students about my presence?

#### 2. During

During the observation, you – as the observer - have the opportunity to choose your own focus and learn directly from the educational situation. We advise you to choose a general focus, which is important for you. Just watching can result in several learning outcomes: it can challenge your ideas on teaching or provide you with practical strategies.

To think about:

- In which context does the meeting take place?
- Where am I going to sit? For example, facing the students or facing the teacher?

#### 3. Afterwards

Discuss the following:

- *Content*
  - o *What?*  
What did you observe? What did you find interesting? Did you see what you wanted to see?  
At this point, the observer shares what caught his/her eye.
  - o *Why?*  
Why did the teacher choose this approach? What are the conditions necessary for this format? What could be possible variations?  
This is the point to ask for extra explanation on the chosen teaching approach.
  - o *How?*  
How would I incorporate this in my own education?  
Ask for practical hints from the teacher on how to implement this in your own education.
  - o How are you going to continue this? What do you take along as an observer?
- *Process*
  - o Make concrete plans for the future.