

GSA-DEPARTMENTAL ARCHIVES OF EUBOEA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Of particular importance among the activities carried on by archival institutions are those relating to the use of archival material in the educational process. At the same time, this role also serves a series of goals intrinsic to the educational process itself. In order to learn to think in historical terms, students need to become familiar with the methods of history as a discipline. Using archival material is ideal for this purpose.

The educational programmes run by the General State Archives - Archives of the District of Euboea have been developed within this overall general context. They are aimed at pupils and students from all levels of education and are adapted to both students' ages and skills. They cover various subject areas, activities, workshops with relevant publications available. They are also accompanied by small-scale exhibitions of archival material -which frequently travel around- as well as multimedia, hypermedia and web applications which students themselves can use to create new content. Some applications are also available for other target groups. Certain educational programmes are developed to order depending on the specific needs of individual schools. The educational programmes run by the GSA-District of Euboea also include seminars and workshops for teachers in primary and secondary education.

This paper first examines international experience relating to the educational role of Archives and the issues relating to the methods of teaching history and goes on to outline the main educational programmes offered by the Archives of the District of Euboea: "Introducing students to documents and archives" - "In search of the lost city - Hunting for the Lost Story" - "Summer in Euripos: Entertainment in Chalkis" - "The City and its Streets" - "Puzzle" - "Window to the Past" - "Making my own Story" - "Timeline" - "Carnival Time" - "Migrants, Refugees and Social Exclusion" - "Chalkis in the Wartime (1940-1941)" and "The World and Us".

All educational programmes run by the Archives of the District of Euboea cited have been developed and are implemented by the Archive's staff using its own know-how and equipment and the cost of such programmes is met from the regular budget of the GSA-Departmental Archives of Euboea.