

Focus

L'éducation en Suisse, comme nulle part ailleurs



Terre d'accueil, la Suisse apparaît à de nombreux parents comme le pays idéal pour l'éducation de leurs enfants dans un cadre de paix et de sécurité.

Par **Christophe X. Clivaz**, directeur de Swiss Learning

La Suisse est un pays très spécial ; il ne possède ni ressources naturelles, ni langue nationale : la Suisse n'existe que parce que des populations très différentes, avec leur propre langue, leur propre culture et leur propre mentalité, ont souhaité unir leurs destinées. Cet équilibre repose sur un système politique très complexe, garanti par la démocratie la plus authentique au monde. Le seul souverain, en Suisse, c'est le peuple.

Pour survivre, les Suisses ont dû se vendre comme mercenaires à des puissances étrangères, et cultiver la terre en s'accrochant à des versants montagneux escarpés. Cette petite nation est devenue riche au début du 20ème siècle en développant des compétences uniques dans la mécanique de précision, l'agriculture, la banque, les assurances et... l'éducation.

Mélange de cultures

L'éducation internationale diffère des systèmes de formation traditionnels sur un principe simple: la communauté est composée de différentes cultures, religions et races qui vivent ensemble, chacune s'enrichissant de ses autres membres. Des écoles prétendument internationales, il s'en trouve dans le monde entier, mais nous sommes convaincus que les établissements qui ont une réputation internationale, telles que les Swiss Learning Schools, ne pourraient exister nulle part ailleurs qu'en Suisse.

Les pays développés considèrent que leur langue et leur culture doivent faire partie intégrante de leur système scolaire. La Suisse a adopté et adapté les systèmes allemand, français et italien. C'est pourquoi, elle est presque génétiquement prédisposée au mélange des cultures sans toutefois aspirer à devenir un pot-pourri de nationalités. En outre, la Suisse abrite le siège de nombreuses organisations internationales, ce qui implique la présence de populations les plus diverses, vivant et éduquant leurs enfants dans ce pays.

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Education in Switzerland like nowhere else

The Swiss are proud of its deliberate policy of armed neutrality, which makes it one of the safest countries in the world. Its people, so diverse, share a love of detail, of precision and of work well done; it has even won the oldest sports trophy in the world, the America's Cup, without even having access to the sea, thanks only to the talent of its engineers! The Swiss Polytechnic schools and universities have a reputation far surpassing the natural influence of a small country of only seven million inhabitants. Switzerland's riches rest on its abilities alone, the country has made education an absolute priority of its development and following the example set by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, many Swiss have contributed to educational theory: Pestalozzi, Toepffer, Montessori, and Piaget to cite only the better known ones. This genuine preoccupation with teaching naturally contributed to the flowering of numerous private schools on its soil.

Moreover, this little country is beautiful, rich in lakes, mountainous landscapes and exceptional towns. How proud we are that Swiss Learning represents a dozen of the best campuses here worthy mirrors of this beauty!

A country of refuge, Switzerland appears to many parents as the ideal place to educate their children in a framework of peace and security.

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Switzerland is a very special country; there are neither natural resources, nor is there any national language; Switzerland only exists because very different people, in their various languages, cultures and mentalities, wished to unite their destinies. This balance rests on a very complicated political system, guaranteed by the most complete democracy in the world. The only Swiss sovereign is the people.

To survive the Swiss had to sell their qualities as mercenaries to foreign powers, and cultivate land clinging to steep mountain sides. This small nation became wealthy at the start of the twentieth century by developing unique abilities in the industry of precision mechanics, agriculture, banking , insurance and... education.

Intermingling of cultures

International education differs from traditional educational systems in one simple principle: the community is made up of various cultures, religions and races living together, enriching each of its members. Schools that are supposedly international can be found anywhere in the world, but we are convinced that those which have an international reputation, like the Swiss Learning schools could not exist anywhere else but in Switzerland.

Every developed country in the world considers that its language and culture should be integrated into its school system. Switzerland has adopted and adapted the German, French and Italian systems. It is therefore almost genetically predisposed to an intermingling of cultures, without, however, seeking a melting pot of nationalities. In addition, Switzerland is the seat of a number of international organizations, which implies the presence of a diverse population living and educating their children in this country.



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