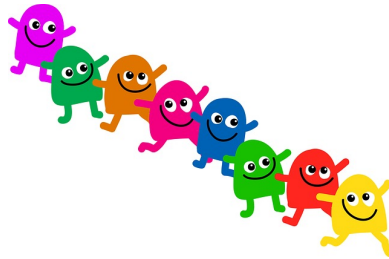# *Information Card for:*

PowToon

Context:

PowToon is an online tool to create animated videos and presentations which claims to be as easy to use as MS PowerPoint. The basic version of PowToon is free. Different educational plans (teacher, student, classroom) are available for an affordable price. The student plan is 12 USD/year and the teacher plan is 24 USD/year (at time of writing in 2015).

Homepage:

http://www.powtoon.com

This tool can be used in two ways:

1. By teachers to create engaging presentations and deliver content to students in a fun way.

2. By students to create their own content, present their assignment and send messages to each other.

The PowToon website provides online articles, guides and suggestions on the possible uses of this tool.

PowToon is really fun to use and can be used in multiple ways within a hospital school or in home tuition. Some of the potential areas of application are as follows:

Used to create presentations:

Of the Hospital school

Of the home tuition service for children with medical conditions;

Of the children's ward;

Of the people working in a specific setting (a type of *Who is Who*);

Used to create pupil's projects, for example:

To annotate a song with a cartoon;

Make a cartoon about a maths problem;

Narrate or comment on a historical fact;

Make a cartoon about some specific characteristic of their own country;

Make a cartoon about their favourite subject, hobby, singer, actor, doctor, nurse, teacher….

Make a cartoon to describe their situation: e.g. *my life in the hospital*

Used to deliver content:

Teachers can use PowToon to deliver any subject-related content. They can also make short tutorials to be used alone by the students, for example, in a flipped classroom methodology (www.powtoon.com/blog/flip-classroom/).

What do teachers need to implement the activity?

1. Access to the internet.
2. Register on the PowToon website.
3. Identify a project where you wish to use PowToon. Remember to involve your pupils in this process!
4. Follow the simple steps to create a toon. A detailed tutorial is provided on the PowToon website at: http://www.powtoon.com/tutorials/

Staff who will be involved in the PowToon project will need to be familiar with the website. The website also contains a number of useful documents to support staff in the planning and use of PowToon.

There are also a number of useful video clips relating to PowToon on youTube.com (just search for "powtoon"). Some examples are:

The official PowToon blog with lots of examples and ideas:	www.powtoon.com/blog/
PowToon QuickStart Guide	www.powtoon.com/tutorials/
How to make an animated explainer video	www.powtoon.com/videomarketing/animated-explainer-video/

Teachers may choose to share any cartoons they make during their project on the LeHo YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMD5zSd3x4VqoBwDUVK7n4w

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Evaluation of the activity
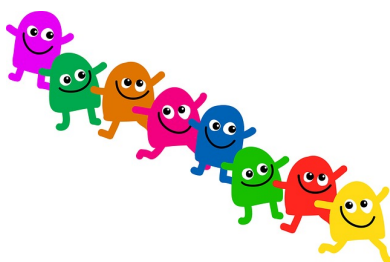
Evaluation of how this activity worked for you in the field (Fieldwork Experience) is via a short questionnaire on Survey Monkey.

Questionnaires are available in English, Italian, Spanish, Catalan, German and Arabic as follows:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeHoFieldwork

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeHoItalian

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeHoSpanish

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LeHoCatalan

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Please select your language of choice and leave your feedback. Many thanks.

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