Comenius project 2012/2014 -DIFFERENT FACES OF DISCRIMINATION

FRANCE – Social discrimination

SCRIPT – First part

The scene takes place in Mr. Webber’s penthouse flat.

Characters of the play:

* John: He is 59 years old, he climbed the social ladder thanks to his skills but has no diploma.
* Mark: Rich but no diplomas either. His parents have a lot of influence on people.
* Karen: Middle-class single mother of 2 kids.
* Patricia: 30 years old, no children, good qualifications, not a French national.
* Mr. Webber: their boss. He owns the company where they all work.

John, Mark, Karen and Patricia are four colleagues and have become friends over the years. They all work for Mr. Webber. One day, he tells each of them that he would like to see them on Friday after work, at his place, because he has a very important announcement to make.

They all arrive one after the other in front of the block of flats where Mr. Webber lives. They are all surprised to see one another and have no idea why Mr. Webber has invited them.

Each one of them tries to imagine what Mr. Webber has to say: a promotion? a pay rise? a business trip? an early retirement? …

None of them have imagined it could be bad news…

Mr. Webber is waiting for them in his flat, a very big and luxurious one. The butler is serving cocktails.

He says he has something very important to tell them. Indeed, because of the recession, he will have to dismiss one of them in order to reduce the costs of his company.

He leaves them in the sitting-room and tells them he will return in two hours. By that time, they should have weighed the pros and cons of each case and decided on who will have to leave the company.