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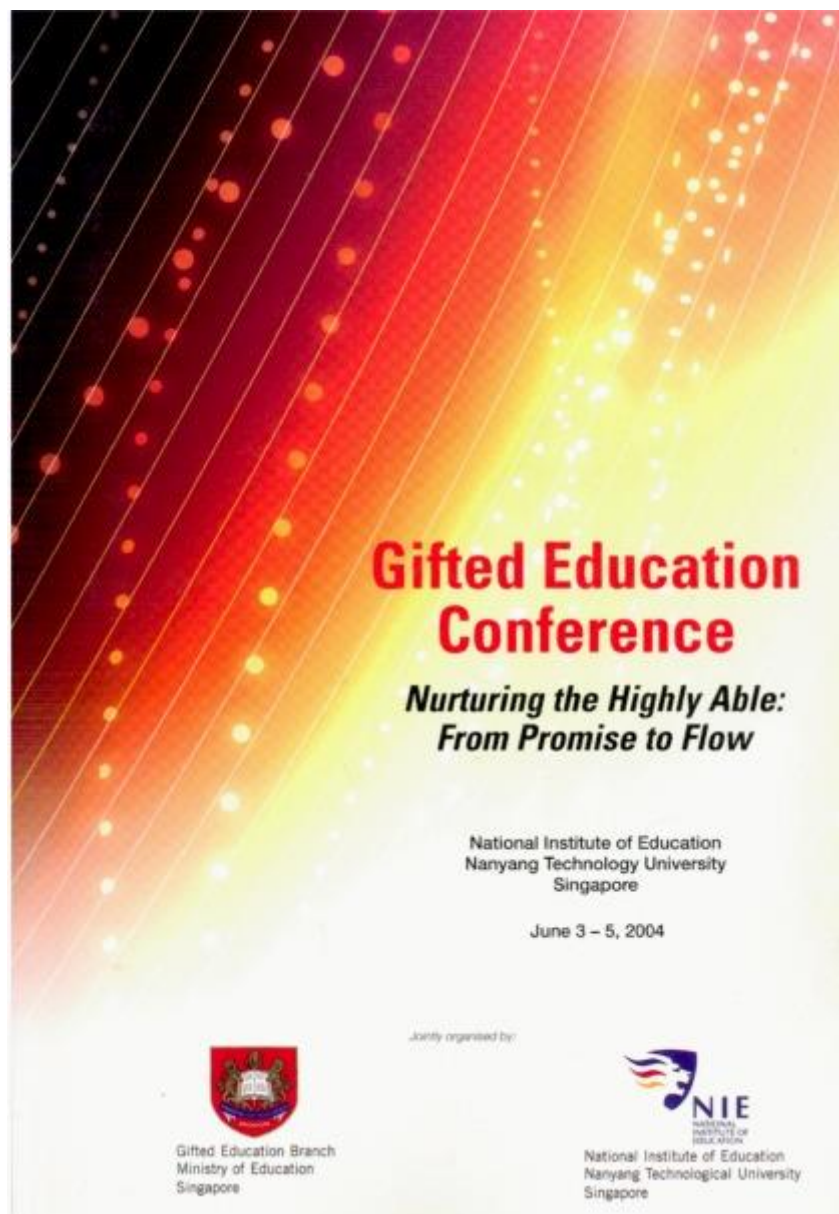
# Projektarbeit als Erfolgsfaktor



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# Abstract Talenta "Projects"

## Project Work: Key to Success of Talenta

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[The topic 2004 "Projects" stands for a manifold and comprehensive survey of the interesting direct and indirect effects of the Talenta project work, that go far beyond intellectual learning. It is one of the main sources of motivation for the heterogenous population of the pioneer School.]

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### PROJECT WORK: KEY TO SUCCESS OF TALENTA

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There are many successful approaches, methods and techniques applicable to gifted children through project work, be it in sciences or art. At Talenta, project work was - from the start in 1998 - an integral part of the regular curriculum of the 30 highly gifted primary school children. It turned out to be a highly esteemed speciality of the Swiss pioneer school, a separate string of instruction, covering subjects in biology, physics and chemistry - many of them at high school level (with 8 and 9 year old children)! Xaver Heer, the director of the school, developed sequences of projects where he tried to include all he knew about a holistic and comprehensive education. He presented the children - in an differentiated and individual way (with groups of 8 to 10 children) - with a far reaching variety of individual tasks and fitting together - at the end - in a real "problem solving arc" that gives pupils the opportunity to do everything on their own (although being coached carefully). This kind of highly elaborate and differentiated project work did much more for the success of Talenta than its founders thought. It established a comfortable link, bridge or relation even to the very tormented gifted children who had a disturbing "school career" behind them. The presentation will discuss some striking examples, the necessary high technical equipment (and preparation time!), the reactions of gifted children and some key criteria that have evolved in the course of the years at Talenta.