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Koepel Hoogbegaaftheid (Umbrella of Giftedness)

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○ Umbrella of Giftedness

- Partnership of the 3 parent organisations in the Netherlands
- Parent associations focus primarily on activities for children and parents
- Koepel focuses on providing information, collaborate with other organisations and consulting with government agencies
- Goal: advocate for the interests of gifted individuals in education and society



How do we get and give information?

- Twice a year consultation with the chairs of the parent organisations
- At least once a year consultation with civil servants from the Ministry of Education
- Collaboration with the National Talent Centre of the Netherlands
- Collaboration with the Knowledge Center for Giftedness
- Contact with other organisations in the field



Quality Register Giftedness

- Established in 2016
- Rules for admission formulated in consultation with the field
- Parents can use it to easily find quality support in dealing with giftedness
- Every year Koepel organises a symposium for members



Projects

- **The many faces of giftedness (since 2020)**
to draw attention to gifted children with a migration background
to make teachers and schools aware of their unconscious biases
- **Grandparents project (since 2024)**
grandparents can be very important for their gifted grandchildren
grandparents have their own questions



The Koepel Internationally

- Talent Point in ETSN (since 2019)
- Member of the ECHA SIG Empowering Families of High Ability Children