

Open Symposium

Inter-generational Learning in Europe: Partnerships, Policies and Good Practice

Friday, 30 & Saturday, 31 May 2008

University of Graz, Austria

About the Symposium

The focus of this open symposium is on discussing current approaches, experiences and good practice in inter-generational learning in a Higher Education context in Europe. It is also the major dissemination and valorisation event for the Socrates Grundtvig Project ADD LIFE – ADDing quality to LIFE through inter-generational learning via universities (2006-2008) and will therefore invite participants to share the outcomes of the project by giving feedback to the draft version of a “European Tool Kit for Developing Inter-generational Learning in Higher Education”. The programme offers a mix of keynote presentations and hands-on workshops, including the planning of concrete further action.

Who should attend?

The symposium is open to participants from a variety of backgrounds who are interested in exploring experiences of developing inter-generational learning settings. Specifically, the symposium addresses professionals in Lifelong Learning and Learning in Later Life, university tutors, adult education practitioners, and representatives of stakeholder groups such as policy makers and administrative staff of public institutions, as well as learners.

Programme

Friday, 30 May 2008

- 14.00 **Guided City Tour**
Meeting point: entrance to the main building of the University of Graz (Universitaetsplatz 3)
Duration: approx. 2 hours
- 18.00 **Guided Tour of the Campus of the University of Graz**
Meeting point: entrance to the main building of the University of Graz (Universitaetsplatz 3)
Duration: approx. 45 min
- 18.30 **Registration**
Main building of the University of Graz (Universitaetsplatz 3), Auditorium (“Aula”, 1st floor)
- 19.30 **Welcome and Reception** in the Aula of the University of Graz
Welcome by Professor Dr. Roberta Maierhofer Vice-Rector for International Relations and Interdisciplinary Cooperation, University of Graz
What do we know about inter-generational learning? – Myths and Realities by Professor Dr. Franz Kolland Institute of Sociology, University of Vienna
Reception

Saturday, 31 May 2008

- Venue:** Aula of the University of Graz
The whole day: Poster Exhibition
- 08.00 **Registration**
- 09.00-09.30 **Welcome** by Professor Dr. Irmtraud Fischer, Vice-Rector for Research and Continuing Education, University of Graz
Introduction by Professor Dr. Werner Lenz, Dean of the Faculty of Environmental and Regional Sciences and Education, University of Graz, Chair of the day
The ADD LIFE Project, Dr. Andrea Waxenegger, Center for Continuing Education at the University of Graz, ADD LIFE Project Coordinator
- First Session – 9.30-12.30
- 09.30-10.30 **Keynote Speech *The future of elderly citizenship in an ageing society - Intergenerational partnership in Europe*** by Marta Ferreira, Head of Adult Education “Grundtvig” Unit, European Commission
- 10.30-11.00 Break
- 11.00-12.30 **Keynote Speech *Learning, Identity and Agency in the Life-course: Researching Learning Lives*** by Professor Dr. Gert Biesta, The Stirling Institute of Education, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK
- 12.30-13.30 Buffet lunch – Poster Exhibition
- Second Session – 13.30-15.30: Workshops (in parallel)
- Workshop 1: What is inter-generational learning in a Higher Education setting?
- Workshop 2: How to design inter-generational learning processes
- Workshop 3: How to build and sustain social partnerships for inter-generational learning
- 15.30-16.00 Break
- Third Session – 16.00-18.00: Where do we want to go?
- 16.00-17.30 Creating a map for further action – World Café
- 17.30-18.00 Round-up of the day, Closing

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About ADD LIFE

“ADD LIFE – ADDing quality to LIFE through inter-generational learning via universities” is a two-year project, funded under Grundtvig 1, the EU programme for adult education. It was launched in October 2006 with the University of Graz, Austria, as contractor and six full partners and seven associate partners. The overall aim of the ADD LIFE project is to develop university modules for non-traditional students, especially senior citizens, providing an inter-generational learning setting. The learning programmes specify academic/scientific learning as well as training for promoters in the specific topic. Products and outcomes of the project include six piloted Taught Modules on major European themes, six concepts for Facilitated Open Modules, and a “European Tool Kit for Developing Inter-generational Learning in Higher Education”. The Tool Kit is aimed at professionals in Lifelong Learning and those especially interested in Learning in Later Life and inter-generational learning; it includes case studies on the developmental work in the project. The Tool Kit will be published in German, Finnish, Hungarian, Czech, and Spanish as well as in English.

Venue

The symposium will take place in the Aula of the University of Graz, Universitaetsplatz 3, 8010 Graz (see building #1 on the campus map – <http://www.uni-graz.at/caplwww/uni-plan/lageplan-campust.html>).

Hosted by

Center for Continuing Education at the University of Graz on behalf of the ADD LIFE Project Consortium

Travel and Accommodation

Graz is the second largest city in Austria and can be reached easily by air, rail and road. For further information please see the website: <http://www.graztourismus.at>.

The following hotels are holding rooms at a reduced rate for Symposium participants until 30 April 2008; after this date rooms will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Reference: EU Symposium (please quote when booking)

Hotel Ibis

Europaplatz 12
8020 Graz
Phone ++43 (0) 316/ 778-0
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E-mail H1917-re@accor.com
www.ibishotel.com/ibis/fichehotel/de/ibi/1917/fiche_hotel.shtml
single room: EUR 71.50 (incl. breakfast)

Hotel Mercure

Lendplatz 36-37
8020 Graz
Phone ++43 (0) 316/ 75 14 05
Fax ++43 (0) 316/ 75 14 05-555
E-mail H5742@accor.com
www.mercure.com/mercure/fichehotel/de/mer/5742/fiche_hotel.shtml
single room: EUR 85 (incl. breakfast)

Pension Rückert

Rückertgasse 4
8010 Graz
Phone ++43 (0) 316/ 32 30 31
Fax ++43 (0) 316/ 32 30 31
E-mail pension@rueckert.at
www.rueckert.at
single room: EUR 52 (incl. breakfast)

Deadline for registration

Monday, 19 May 2008. Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Center for Continuing Education.

Costs

Participation in the programme including the conference pack is free of charge.

The guided tour of the old city centre and the guided Campus tour, as well as the reception on Friday evening, 30 May, are at the invitation of the University of Graz.

A charge of EUR 25 per person is payable on registration for the buffet lunch and 2 coffee breaks on Saturday, 31 May.

Accompanying persons are most welcome to take part in the social programme. Please contact the Center for Continuing Education for further details.

Poster Exhibition

Participants are invited to exhibit posters relating to current projects on the conference theme. Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Center for Continuing Education.

Contact and Registration

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