

Let Europe know about Adult Education

Webinar: The unreachable in adult education?

How to reach the 'unreachable' vulnerable adults with adult education?

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According to Eurostat (2012)¹ circa 24% of the European population risks poverty or social exclusion. In addition UNICEF (2008)² concludes that 22% of the population of the industrialized countries is illiterate. These figures show with glaring clarity just how important adult education is. There is a huge need of upskilling and increasing the livability of an enormous group of inhabitants. Our group of "vulnerable adults" is increasing by the day. Investment in this group is urgently needed. Especially in times of economic crisis we should be aware of clever interventions for inhabitants risking social exclusion or unemployment. For example low skilled and illiterate learners are vulnerable groups, due to their lack of possibilities in showing their competencies. Therefore adult education is needed in order to upgrade their skills and to increase their possibilities for social inclusion and reintegration into the labor market.

The need is there. A major issue is that it is still hard to reach these potential learners. The potential benefits are clear, yet we still don't have clever solutions to reach them in an easy way. New studies show what most successful ways in reaching vulnerable adults are. Join our webinar to find out what the newest possibilities are in order to reach the vulnerable adults with adult learning! Take the opportunity to improve your daily work and to become successful in reaching the unreachable vulnerable adults and make them join adult education.

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More about the LEK project: <http://www.infonet-ae.eu/let-europe-know>

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¹ Eurostat (2012). *At risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU27*. Luxembourg: Eurostat.

² UNICEF. (2008). *The state of the world's children*. New York: UNICEF.