



Helen Norris and Emma Gibbon have just returned back from Prague.

Involve- Life Long Learning – 3rd Meeting Prague

Relevance of the Programme

- The objective of the project is to improve the quality and accessibility of mobility throughout Europe of people involved in Adult education and to increase its volume.
- To improve the quality and to increase the volume of cooperation between organisations involved in adult education throughout Europe.
- To assist people from vulnerable social groups and in marginal social contexts, in particular older people and those who have left education without basic qualifications, in order to give them alternative opportunities to access adult education.
- To facilitate the development of innovative practices in adult education and their transfer, including from a participating country to others.

The Target group is learners from a Low Educational background. This target group is faced with a high risk of losing jobs, losing skills and problems in keeping up with rapid changes and challenges on the labour market as well as in Europe.

The project addresses several objectives of the Life Long Learning programme. INVOLVE will involve several adult educators as well as adult education organisations to exchange their methods, practices and experiences and knowledge.

They will be actively involved in the Learning Partnership and will participate in different meetings.

The exchange of knowledge and experiences

- Collection of good practice examples
- Research on specific topics concerning the target group, as well as methods tools and needs.
- All results will form a recommendation guide as well as the facilitation of a couple of innovative practices as well as establish the transfer between the partner consortium as well as organisations outside of them.

In the long run we intend to improve the access paths as well as the learning possibilities to reach and motivate more learners with a low educational background. One of the main reasons is to increase their knowledge as well as their job market skills. Learners with a low educational background will be enabled to participate in the lifelong learning process and so will gain competencies necessary to be more mobile within Europe.



Helen Norris School Liaison Coordinator and Emma Gibbon Essential Skills tutor are both involved with the project and have just returned from the 3rd Meeting in Prague. We discussed Research Task 2



Approaches to reach an involvement of learners with low education background into lifelong learning process, we produced a presentation on how we promote our college to the wider community, all the European partners devised a list of relevant questions from the 2nd meeting we would then all present our findings in the 3rd meeting. (Available soon on the website on the International section).

Emma and I also produced a two hour workshop on Preparing Teachers to work with challenging learners, part of the session was using some interactive tasks as well as a presentation, everyone enjoyed the session so much so that we have been invited to give another workshop on Learning Styles to be delivered alongside the Research 3 phase at Bucharest in September.



If anyone would like to know more about the Project or would like to become involved with other International projects please feel free to contact either Emma or myself for more information.

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We can then pass your request on to Stewart Deas International Development Manager

It is a very worthwhile experience and well worth becoming involved, there are many opportunities for staff to be part of the 'bigger picture' and sharing practices with European partners it has been very valuable. All of the research and information about our INVOLVE project is on the International section of the college website. The information is very useable we should as a college be benefiting from dissemination of the information.