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## GRUNDTVIG AWARD

### *excellence in adult education*

#### what?

- Ⓢ The EAEA Grundtvig Award was launched in 2003 by EAEA in order to recognise and celebrate excellence in adult education;
- Ⓢ The Award is given to an organisation or project consortium who present the best transnational project in adult learning;
- Ⓢ The Award has a different theme each year;
- Ⓢ It reaches out to every region in Europe;
- Ⓢ It inspires the practitioners, course providers, and project participants value their work, and to link more closely with one another.

#### who?

- Ⓢ Transnational partners are eligible to enter;
- Ⓢ The projects can include videos, photographs, books, Power Point presentations, slides and posters;
- Ⓢ Any product of the project that is accessible to the public, presented in a comprehensible way, and may be useful and/or transferable to other adult education organisations is eligible to enter the competition.



The EAEA Grundtvig Award is named after Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig (1783–1872), a Danish educator centrally influential in the development of non-formal adult education in Europe and worldwide. He provided the adult education sector a foundational philosophy that underpins much of the work in lifelong learning.

Grundtvig emphasised the intrinsic value of learning, as a foundation to living meaningful and enjoyable lives. This idea is central to the adult education that EAEA is promoting, with its focus on basic skills, valuing learning and active citizenship.

Grundtvig laid the ground work for the development of learning centres, in all kinds of contexts, from residential educational institutions to agricultural co-operatives. He linked intellectual and cultural growth with group development, a prelude to civic relationships.

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## Cooperations and partnerships

Successful adult education strategies, initiatives and projects do not happen in isolation. Cooperations and partnerships are becoming more and more important and often contribute to more innovation, better provision and more participants. Cooperations and partnerships can promote:

- Better outreach to new learners;
- New adult education provision in new areas;
- New learning environments;
- New learning pathways;
- And much more!

### Main aims:

- To raise awareness, at a European level, for successful cooperations and partnerships to further adult learning;
- To raise awareness of the importance of cooperations and partnerships in adult education;
- To inspire new partnerships and cooperations in and with adult education.

## how to participate?

Fill in a submission form at  
<http://bit.ly/2E9bg64>

If the project material is in another language than English, please provide a short English summary.

Possible supporting material can be sent by email to [aleksandra.kozyra@eaea.org](mailto:aleksandra.kozyra@eaea.org) or by post to:

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More information about EAEA and the Award:  
<http://bit.ly/2FWo4xk>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact [aleksandra.kozyra@eaea.org](mailto:aleksandra.kozyra@eaea.org).

## for whom?

### Categories:

We will award excellent adult education and learning projects with the topic "Engaging new learners" in three categories:

#### 1. European projects

- Projects of EU + candidate countries that have a transnational partnership in at least 3 countries;
- Projects of other European countries that have a transnational element or have a strong national partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders.

#### 2. Projects from outside of Europe

- Projects that have either a transnational element or a strong national or local partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders.

#### 3. National or regional projects

- Projects implemented on national or regional levels that have a strong national or local partnership with a diverse range of stakeholders and show innovative ways of working with partners and in new cooperations.

### Criteria:

- The project must clearly demonstrate that cooperations and partnership were crucial and successful in the development and implementation;
- It must have evidence of outputs such as a report, website, or any other form of verification;
- It is desirable that the project, and especially the partnerships and cooperations that made the project possible, are transferable and/or useful for others;
- The presentation of a learner's story will be seen as a plus;
- The project or the initiative should be up and running for at least a few months and/or be close to completion;
- We also accept finished projects but they should have ended within two years of the Grundtvig ceremony (i.e. June 2016);
- We are looking particularly for projects that demonstrate innovative partnerships that have improved adult education provision / strategies / policies etc.
- Projects can but need not be supported by the European Commission. They can but need not be Grundtvig / Erasmus+ projects.
- The projects can cover any relevant topic in adult education. In order to celebrate the European Year of Cultural Heritage, we also call for projects that have had successful partnerships in and with the cultural sector.

## why?

### All participants gain:

- The certificate of attendance;
- Appearance in the EAEA Grundtvig Award publication that will be distributed in EAEA's events and networks;
- International visibility in EAEA's social media channels and EAEA website.

### The winners gain:

- Recognition and honour;
- The certificate of attendance;
- An EAEA Grundtvig award (a piece of art or handicraft);
- An invitation to a person of the winning organisations to the EAEA General Assembly 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia (27/28 June 2018) and the EAEA Grundtvig Award Ceremony including travel and accommodation;
- Key slot in the EAEA Grundtvig Award publication that will be distributed in EAEA's events and networks;
- International visibility of the project in EAEA's social media channels and EAEA website also after the ceremony;
- Appearance in EAEA's press-release after the competition.