Workshop on adults and digitalisation -
How can we manage the challenges of digitalisation by using change-oriented adult education?

Time: 11 December, 9.00-16.30
Location: G Livelab, Yrjönkatu 3, 00120 Helsinki, Finland

The workshop is built around the following questions:

1. What kind of challenges and problems digitalisation causes for adults, communities and society?
2. What is change-oriented adult education?
3. What examples there are of change-oriented adult education?
4. How can we use change-oriented adult education as a tool to solve these challenges?

The workshop will use interactive methods and digital tools to reflect upon how adult education can help to manage the challenges of digitalisation, and discuss how these practices can be transferred to participants’ organisations and countries. At the end of the day, the participants will have an understanding, what is change-oriented adult education and how to use a change-oriented approach in teaching and learning provision, and how it could be taken into account at the policy level.

Registration by 2 December 2019.

Further info and registration on the project webpage: https://eaea.org/project/future-lab/

AGENDA

9.00 Morning coffee & tea – Gallery open

Gallery of change-oriented adult education projects, methods and cases will be open during the breaks.
Gallery includes e.g. game(s), posters, videos, presenters.

9.30 Welcome words, Lauri Tuomi, CEO, Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation

9.45 Challenges of digitalisation

What kind of challenges and problems digitalisation causes for adults, communities and society?
Group work and discussion. Output from this session will be a description of challenges we need to tackle in adult education.

10.30 Break – Gallery open

10.45 What is change-oriented adult education and why do we need it?

What is change-oriented adult education? How and by whom the need for change (peaceful or radical) is defined? What kind of learning is change-oriented? What other issues we need to think about?

Presentation of change-oriented adult education theories, models and methods. Jyri Manninen, Professor of Adult and Continuing Education, University of Eastern Finland
11.30 Light lunch & time to browse the gallery

12.45 Cases of change-oriented adult education

- Health media literacy project, Anne Tastula, Project Coordinator, Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation
  How can science fight beliefs in healthcare? We will hear about a project which tries to tackle the issue of false beliefs in medical or alternative treatments in social media. Project has trained future doctors in how to fight the false information in social media and organised discussion events for general public and medical students.

- Rethinking Education: Revolutionising Online Learning on a Societal Scale, Megan Schaible, COO, Reaktor
  “Reaktor Education partners with world-class organisations and education providers to develop online courses and digital learning solutions designed to empower all people to participate in a rapidly-evolving globalised society. Our first course collaboration with the University of Helsinki, Elements of AI, has become an international phenomenon.”

- Policy Kitchen, Jonas Nakonz, Swiss Forum on Foreign Policy – Foraus (video presentation)
  Policy Kitchen is a policy crowdsourcing methodology developed by Foraus. It enables a diverse network of thinkers to co-create policy recipes to pressing foreign policy challenges. The methodology is built on a crowd innovation platform, physical workshops, and a support process to bring the best recipes to impact.

13.30 Coffee break

13.45 How can we meet the challenges of digitalisation as adult educators?

  We’ll take the challenges - how digitalisation impacts adults, communities and society - and look for solutions, how change-oriented adult education can be used as a tool to shape these challenges. Group work and discussion.

15.15 Playback – what did we learn today?

  A group of theatre actors plays back some of the challenges, stories and conclusions shared during the workshop day. The audience participates by volunteering stories and ideas to enact.

16.15 Conclusions / reflections of the day

16.30 End of workshop

The agenda is subject to changes.

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