Slovenian Lifelong Learning Week(s)

How to celebrate the 25th anniversary in times of Covid-19?

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Some facts on LLW(s)

- Since 1996 major awareness-raising campaign
- National coordination by SIAE
- From one week to five weeks (September, May/June, September/October)
- Country-wide abundance:
 - in 1996: around 70 providers,
 - in 2019: around 1,900 providers, 7,500 events
 - in 2020: around 1,000 providers, 3,000 events
- 500 events
- Learning Parade Day(s) of learning communities (on ave. 15)
- National LLW opening and presentation of awards
- Adult Education Colloquium











Main features

- Coverage of 'life-long' and 'life-wide' learning
- Stable, committed and creative network of LLW coordinators
- Partnerships across all levels joint actions
- Synthesis of centralised and decentralised approach
- Mixture of 'top-down' and 'bottom-up'
- Learners' voice: 208 award winners, i.e. so called learning champions and ambassadors
- Web-based monitoring and evaluation system
- Relatively sound support by the state













Learning Parade – Day(s) of learning communities

- Developed under the implementation of the EAAL in 2013-2015
- Now supported by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport as a constituent part of LLW
- Strengthened ties among partners at local level joint endeavours
- Successful outreach many new people attracted to learning
- Learners had their say in shaping events, on stage and in media
- Municipalities have gained new interest in adult/lifelong learning
- Learning communities have been identified as a new culture of living

- all resulting in year-round cooperation.

















Celebrating in spite of Covid-19

- May/June → 4 September-9 October
- Uncertainty: accept, adapt, join forces, don't give up ...
- Creative freedom within (safety) limits:
 - Pre-registration of participants, smaller groups, in sequences ...
 - Outdoor activities, several locations, events without audience ...
 - Safety measures: masks, distance, disinfection ...
 - Motivation of providers/partners, concise guidelines ...
- Less partners but more flexible, innovative, committed ones.
- Instead of interactions separate actions with a ,red thread'.













Celebrating in spite of Covid-19

- More digital/virtual solutions preparatory and implementation phase.
- Filming of events distribution via YouTube, webpage, smart phone, platforms such as Zoom etc.
- Durability of recordings recycling in the long run.
- Virtual lectures, workshops, exhibitions, fashion show ...
- Larger audience (joining in from their comfort-zones).
- Excellent media coverage positive news, inspiring stories ...











LLW 2020 National Opening: https://tvu25.acs.si/en/open2020













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Reaching out to specific groups: what tools, partners, finances?

PLA programme >>

1st Day, 15 September 2020 (online) – presentations: Martina Ní Cheallaigh: News regarding EU policy on ALE and EAAL Andrej Sotošek, SIAE director: Welcome Zvonka Pangerc Pahernik: Introduction and adult education in Slovenia

Tanja Vilič Klenovšek and counsellor Maja Rotar from Cene Štupar – Ljubljana Public Education Centre:

Guidance and outreach activities in Slovenia: Reaching adults in their work and living space (general overview and an example of practice)

Ester Možina: Professional development of staff working on outreach to low skilled employees

Dóra Stefánsdóttir: Reaching out to specific groups and the role of adult education – focus on workplaces

2nd Day, 15 September 2020 (online) – presentations:

Lubica Gállová: Steps in basic skills development and assessment on the system level in Slovakia **Michaela Mudroňová:** Inclusion of marginalized Roma communities in Slovakia

Edyta Klimowska-Bobula, M.A., Małgorzata Dudziak, M.A.: Regional Labour Office Krakow: Reaching specific groups at regional level: the



Slovenia: A place where I'm free to go my own way. 💙













Major LLW 2020 topics

- Digital skills
- Healthy life style
- Personal development
- Sustainability, nature
- Cultural heritage
- Reading
- Relationships
- Cooking
- Travelling
- Sports and many more



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Rap song The Power and Joy by Zlatko







https://youtu.be/1iR8I0fT8K0







Tips for creating/retaining learning communities

- Top down and bottom-up cooperation
- Flexibility within clear boundaries
- Sound partnerships based on ,win-win' relationships
- Combining advantages of virtual and live events
- Fair balance between quantity and quality
- Cater for learning and socializing
- Build on positive stories role models
- Approach those most in need where they are in ,soft ways'











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