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Motivating and Encouraging Young Adults to Learn...

...have been the keywords of the same titled European conference in Jena (18th – 19th of March, 2010).

More than 55 experts from 9 European countries listened to speeches and participated in workshops, where methods to motivate young adults with literacy problems were the topics.

Host and organizer of this conference was the "Thüringer Volkshochschulverband e.V.", coordinator of the MoLeYa project.

It is safe to say that this conference was a great success, not only for the project partnership and participants but also for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of literacy in general. Professionals in



the area of teaching and training, counseling and guidance, research and development participated actively and shared their expertise within this two-day event.

New Methods and Approaches

Within the framework of the provided workshops (all together there were 5 workshops with varied topics) the participants got the chance to get to know new methods and best practice examples from different countries regarding motivational aspects in terms of teaching and training. Furthermore, innovative methods (i.e. game-based training) and exercises were tested, analyzed and discussed by the participants.

Representatives of notable educational establishments like NIACE (UK), the German Association of literacy and basic education (DE) and AGORA (FR) created specific workshops and provided their participants continuative materials to adapt them according to their individual needs and demands.



Expertise from England

Like every partner organization of the MoLeYa project, NIACE facilitated the attendance of 5 experts at the conference. These experts included managers and tutors involved in developing and delivering learning programmes for young adults, a national independent consultant/adviser and NIACE staff specializing in the learning and development of young adults. The English participants made a significant and useful contribution to the conference by giving a keynote address, facilitating 2 workshops and actively participating in discussions.

Exchange and Networking

Besides the content work, a European-wide exchange of expertise in the field of literacy was an important goal of the conference. Hence, it was a pleasure to register such diverse participants from different countries (such as: Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany,



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Great Britain, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania and Spain) from diverse organizations.

Representatives of professional associations, educational networks, political bodies, further and higher education, schools and voluntary services took part in the conference.

Feedback on the motivation guide

The conference also acted as a test of the motivation guide. Participants were given a draft version of the guide and asked to fill in an evaluation form about it. The suggestions and recommendations are going to be discussed by the partnership and if reasonable and applicable they will be included into the final guide.

Final spurt for the final version

As the project enters its final stage the next and final meeting of the partnership has the aim to adapt last ideas and recommendations into the motivation guide.

The completed version of the guide will be available on DVD and as download in autumn 2010. The upcoming Newsletter#4 will contain specific information about the motivation guide.

If you want to learn more about the MoLeYa project or wish to get specific information about the contents of the guide, please visit the project website www.moleya.eu or contact the partner of your home country.

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