

”Competence development among adult educators”

Nordic conference in Malmö, Sweden

March 1-2; 2010



Currently much attention is being paid, on the one hand, to the creation of opportunity structures for adults to engage in intentional learning and, on the other hand, to the professionalisation of those making intentional learning opportunities a reality. The subject is a topical theme in EU and has been discussed at ASEM www.dpu.dk/asem and ESREA www.esrea.org conferences in autumn 2009. The Nordic Council of Ministers strategy plan 2008 – 2010 emphasises the importance of raising the quality of teacher training and strives for better cooperation among the sectors of education, research and economy. The Nordic Network for Adult Learning (NVL) considers the professionalisation of adult educators as a crucial issue within the given priorities; and during the past two years has been intensively involved in the debate on the new roles of adult educators and the challenges this pose to further education programmes.

The aim of this conference is to encourage the discussion about the professionalisation of adult educators at a Nordic level, and at the same time create a mutual inspiring meeting between Nordic and European ideas in this field. The conference will provide networking possibilities and strengthen the Nordic cooperation in the field of further training of adult educators.

Key-note speeches will be followed by plenum discussions and will provide an opportunity to debate the current tendencies and developments in the field of professionalisation of adult educators. Round-table discussions and workshops will be closely linked to the key-note themes; and will provide a deeper insight into the topics like the new roles of adult educators and the challenges they bring to training programmes, opportunities for further training, innovative character and relevance of the further training programmes. These sessions will be chaired by experts in the field. Examples from practice and project results will be the bases for the discussion.

Agenda

Monday 1 March

Arrival, registration

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| 11.30 | Light lunch |
| 12.30 | Opening |
| 13.00-14.00 | Key note by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Ekkehard Nuissl von Rein DIE, German Institute for Adult Education
“Professionalization of Adult Educators. Challenges at European and global levels” |
| 14.30-16.00 | Parallel thematic round-table discussions: Different perspectives on the professionalization of Adult Educators
The round-table discussions are chaired by a discussant who introduces the theme.
Chairs:
1. Prof. Bjarne Wahlgren , National Center for Competence Development (NCK) Århus University, Denmark
2. Simon Broek , MA Researcher, Research voor Beleid, Netherlands
3. Malmö University, to be confirmed |
| 16.15-17.15 | Key-note by Hanna Heikkinen . Senior team coach in Team Academy and Partus Learning Network, co-founder of Team Academy.
“We co- create team entrepreneurs: An innovative approach to entrepreneurs education through Team Academy experience” |
| 17.15 | Rounding up the day |
| 19.00 | Conference dinner |

Tuesday 2 March

09.00-10.00 Key-notes by Dr. **Jaap van Lakerveld**, Director of PLATform Opleiding, Onderwijs en Organisatie BV (PLATO). University of Leiden, NL
“Adult education in state of flux - About changing conditions and changing competences”

10.30-12.00 Parallel workshops and discussions: “Competence development of Adult Educators” inspired by concrete experiences from three projects. The discussions are chaired by project—team leaders.

1. Nordplus Adult project BABAR “Becoming Adult educators in the BAItic-sea Region, by **Marcella Milana**, system overview Denmark, Sweden, Estonia; www.dpu.dk/babar

2. Nordplus Adult project “Training Needs Assessment. How to identify needs for competence building in companies. The teacher as a designer of learning events – how to tailor make learning for a whole company – the teacher as a designer” chaired by **Hrobjartur Arnasson, Lisbeth Juncker Mathiassen**

3. NVL development work “Innovative competence development for Adult Educators, a challenge for educational systems?” by **Maria Marquard** and **Sturla Bjerkaker**
<http://www.nordvux.net/page/673/vuxenpedagogikochinnovation.htm>

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 Key-note by **Katrin Hjort**, professor, University of Southern Denmark, SDU.
“Professionalising Adult Educators. Threat or possibility for Adult Education?”

15.00-15.15 Closing

Practical information and application

Place: Malmö University, SE-205 06 Malmö, Sweden Phone:+46 (0) 40 - 665 70 00
www.mah.se/english

To get there: Train to Malmö, Central station, direct connection from Kastrup airport and Copenhagen (25min), 10 min. walk from Malmö Central station.

Accommodation: Malmö Tourist info www.malmotown.com/sv or Copenhagen Tourist information.

The conference language: Scandinavian and English.

Cost: The Conference fee 700 dkr.

Roundtable discussions, workshops: choice at conference.

Organisers: NVL and the NVL taskforce on Adult Education, Nordplus Adult projects: BABAR, Needsassessment, Malmö University.

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