

Given demographic changes in our society and the rise of the 'ageing population' it is becoming increasingly important to create opportunities for the active participation of seniors in society. The contribution of volunteering as a strategy for active ageing and competence development for senior learners is the focus of this European conference.

Recognition of Learning in Volunteering

In this conference volunteering will be considered from an intergenerational perspective. The discussion will address the development of competences for volunteers – of all ages – and the way in which these can be recognised and validated. In the afternoon workshops participants have the opportunity to learn about the RIVER methodology, developed as a bespoke competence assessment system for the planning, development, documentation and recognition of the learning process in the volunteering sector.

When: November 12th 2013, 10.00-16.00

Where: Dachsaal Wiener Urania, Uraniastrasse 1, 1010 Vienna

Programme (first draft)

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| 09.30 | Registration of participants |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Welcome an opening of the conference
Mag. Holger Bienzle, <i>bridges to europe</i> /die Berater
Mag. Gabriele Sprengseis, MSc, Research Insitute of the Red Cross & „ABZ Ausbildungszentrum“ of the Vienna Red Cross |
| 10.30 - 11.15 | Input 1: Volunteering as an instrument to promote active ageing and competence development of seniors/LLL as a precondition of participation and active ageeing Dr. Elisabeth Hechl, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social affairs.
Input 2: Validation and Valorisation of social competences from a European perspective, Mag. Udo Bachmayer, National Agency for lifelong Learning |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | Coffee break |
| 11.45-12.30 | Validation of compenteces in intergenerational volunteering– Experiences with the EU project RIVER
MMag. Maren Satke, Projectmanagement & Consulting, <i>bridges to europe</i>
Round Table: Achievement and Challenges in the Validation of comeptence development (in English)
RIVER projectpartners |
| 12.30-13.00 | Using competences for volunteering engagement – Grundtvig projects SLIC I and II
– Mag. Charlotte Strümpel/Austrian Red Cross |

13.00 – 14:00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30 Uhr

Workshops – planned topics:

A) The RIVER-Methodology - Perspective to the use of RIVER in the context of volunteering

B) How to use assessment methods in working with different age groups

C) Validation and Certification of informal competences in volunteering

15.30 - 16.00

Summary of workshop results and closing discussion: Validation of competence development – which benefits can be offered for volunteering?

Participation is free. Please send an e-mail to Maren Satke, m.satke@dieberater.com
Registration deadline is November 5th 2013.

The conference language will be German. English translation will be provided in morning session. The workshops will be partly in German and English.