

Cultural Vehicles in Education – assisting the needs of vulnerable social groups



An international conference “Cultural Vehicles in Education - assisting the needs of vulnerable social groups”

10th-12th November, Vilnius, Lithuania

Grodzki Theatre Association, Poland, Youth Centre Babilonas, Lithuania, Die Wille gGmbH, Germany, Life Together, Czech Republic and Educational Centre EST, Poland invite all professionals involved in adult education to attend a conference resulting from an international project “Cultural vehicles in education (CVE)” (Grundtvig 2007, Multilateral Projects, Lifelong Learning Program). The aim of the conference is, first of all, to draw attention of various groups involved in adult and intercultural education, to the alternative learning methods and tools facilitating the integration of vulnerable groups into society. The conference presents a new methodology based on combining educational activities and artistically creative enterprises, especially relevant for facilitating education of socially disadvantaged groups (adults with disabilities, migrants, travelers, the unemployed, victims of addictions).

Conference programme:

Monday, 10th November

09:00-11:00 Registration

11:00-11:25 Introduction to the conference - Rolanda Sliaziene, Manager and Programme Coordinator, Youth Centre Babilonas.

Welcome from the participants of Lithuanian workshop group.

11:25 – 11:45 An overview of "Cultural Vehicles in Education - assisting the needs of vulnerable social groups" project (CVE) - Maria Schejbal, Project's Coordinator, Grodzki Theatre Association, Poland. Aims and ideas, the concept of ‘cultural vehicles’, international co-operation, international Grundtvig courses for adult educators.

11:45- 12:15 Cultural vehicles in education (CVE) – best practices during adult education workshops in Poland, Germany, Czech Republic and Lithuania - Agnieszka Ginko-Humphries, Head of workshops monitoring team, editor of CVE methodology guide, Grodzki Theatre Association, Poland. Question time.

12:15 – 12:45 - “Assisting the educational needs of the unemployed and of learners with an immigration background “- Presentation by Hanna Bloesser, Monitoring Expert, Barbara Kuhn, Educator and Curriculum Developer and Elisabeth Schneider, Head of the Department of Education" from Die Wille gGmbH, Germany. Question time.

12:45-14:00 – Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Facilitating education of Roma adult learners - Kumar Vishwanathan, Director and Chairperson of Life Together, Czech Republic. Question time.

15:00 – 15:30 - Training abroad - applying for funding for attending European training courses for adult educators - a presentation by Grundtvig National Agency representative, Vilnius, Lithuania, followed by question time

15:30-16:00 Tea/Coffee break

16:00- Film presentation from CVE workshops (around 20 minutes). Performances by workshop groups (around 1 hour). Opening of an exhibition of works of art created during CVE workshops.

Tuesday, 11th November

09:30-16:30 Workshops "Cultural vehicles in education in practice"

Theatre, Dance, Music, Visual Art. Trainers from Grodzki Theatre Association, Poland, Youth Centre Babilonas, Lithuania, Die Wille gGmbH, Germany and Life Together, Czech Republic

(11-11.30 – tea/coffee break, 13:30-14:30 lunch)

16:30- Presentations of the results of workshops

Wednesday, 12th November

09:30-11:00 Presentations by 5 experts on the issues of creative learning

11:00-11:30 tea/coffee break

11:30-13:30 Panel discussion. Life long learning - what does it mean? Is self-development the key success factor in adult education? What function do arts have in connection with increasing social participation in life long learning?

13:30-13:45 Summing up and ending speech – Youth Centre Babilonas, Lithuania

13.45 - Lunch

REGISTRATION FEE: 50 litų

The conference will take place at the conference center Karolina - www.karolina.lt

After the conference - optional sightseeing of Vilnius - capital of Lithuania with the biggest old town in Europe.

Language: English, translated into Lithuanian (headphones)

The organizers can arrange hotel accommodation, including breakfast.

Free lunch will be provided during the 1st and 2nd day of the conference.

Registered and accepted participants should first get familiar with the CVE approach by exploring the website www.cve.com.pl . The participants will send their registration forms up to 30th October 2008.

The main conclusions of the conference will be disseminated via the Internet and via the national and local media. The conference materials will be published on the projects' website www.cve.com.pl

All conference participants will be able to receive a free copy of a CVE textbook on the new methodology. It will be published in spring 2009 in six languages (EN, FR, DE, PL, LT, CS).

Methodology and objectives

The program of the conference will consist of

- presentations by representatives of CVE project from Poland, Czech Republic, Germany and Lithuania (artists, educators, methodologists), illustrated by photos and videos
- questions time and discussions
- arts workshops in “cultural vehicles in education”
- opportunities for participants to present and share their work
- panel discussion focused on the role of the arts and self-development in life-long learning
- presentations from experts in the field of creative life-long learning
- a theatre performance by CVE workshop groups and an exhibition of works of art created by adult learners during the project

By the end of the conference, the participants:

- will be familiar with the concept of cultural vehicles in education
- will learn about efficient and attractive motivational mechanisms for increasing adult learners’ participation in various educational programs and activities
- will discover new methods for educating socially vulnerable groups
- will develop new skills in arts-based adult education
- will be able to transfer the CVE methodology to their practice, both to other potential trainers and to their end-beneficiary groups.
- will learn about new developments in creative adult education
- will have made new contacts for national and international cooperation on relevant areas of interest.

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