

“Attracting Marginalised Adults to Lifelong Learning”

This newsletter provides you with information regarding our Community Learning Festivals and the Final Conference held in Ireland in September 2019



Community Learning Festivals: Making learning fun

Community Learning Festivals were held in Ireland, Portugal, Malta, Spain and Greece and set out to promote and showcase the embedded learning resources developed by the Project while bringing together communities, families, and adult educators in a fun and interactive learning environment. The festivals recognised that education and learning often take place outside the formal classroom and that there are alternative learning opportunities available especially for those whose educational path has been interrupted. The overall feedback from the festivals as an engagement approach was overwhelming positive with more than **400 adult learners taking part**.



Each partner organisation also delivered the **In-Service Training** programme to adult educators in order to contribute to their professional development whilst ensuring that they can continue to use the OutsideIN learning resources and offer a continued positive impact in their local education and training sector. The Training Manual is available to download from the project website: www.outsidein-project.eu



OutsideIN Adult Learning Festival

Final Conference, Trim, County Meath, Ireland

The final Conference of the OutsideIN Project took place in Trim, Co. Meath, Ireland on Wednesday 18th September 2019. It offered adult learners and adult educators the opportunity to interact with each other through a large-scale Adult Learning Festival. All of the products, tools and resources of the project were officially launched and the participants had the chance to “taste” a variety of learning workshops covering the following topics: Film making, 5 ways to Wellbeing, Aromatherapy, Yoga, Reiki, Nutrition, learn how to sketch, STEM, Jewellery Making, Taking a good photo on a smart phone, Horticulture and Self-defence. There were also practical demonstrations in digital skills, coding and virtual reality and a Language Cafe, in which people could learn Irish, Lithuanian, Polish and Arabic.



What's next for the OutsideIN Project?

To ensure that we share the lessons of the project and maximise the impact of what we have achieved, we will launch a Policy Paper at the end of September 2019 that examines the experience of the project partners and makes a series of practical recommendations for policy change in the field of adult education and the engagement of non-traditional learners.

