



ADULT LEARNING WEEK – AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE TOGETHER

"Can I do it?" – we asked in surprise to ourselves and each other. Not only "I can do it". It is necessary. For me, for everybody, for person in general. It should be freedom of expression, we must liberate our soul and hands, feel, "catch" our abilities and use them to be stronger over a life.

Human life is full of dynamic changes. Adult education is one of the most reliable opportunities for filling the gaps in professional competences and greater confidence. On the other hand, constantly increasing pace of life changes raises new requirements for adult education organizers - to be flexible, creative, constantly upgrade their professional qualifications, and etc.

Exactly ten years ago in response to UNESCO's call to promote lifelong learning, Lithuanian Association of Adult Education (LAAE) organized the Adult Learning Week for the first time in Lithuania. This campaign gave a wonderful opportunity to reflect on both individual and societal needs, to consider the backlog of problems and to look for possible solutions.

Since then Adult Learning Week's movement in Lithuania has become traditional. This campaign encourages to progress, examines and disseminates good learning experiences, draws attention to the problems of adult education and presents them at different political levels.

On 23 – 29 November 2009 Lithuanian Association of Adult Education calls institutions and organizations as well as adults to join the Adult Learning Week movement for the tenth time.

Anniversary Adult Learning Week "Seven days of creativity - education, culture, business" is dedicated for creativity and innovation in learning and teaching, in education, art, culture, business and social connections and in everyday human life.

In launching this year's Week, LAAE supports the European Parliament and the Council's decision to announce a 2009 Year of Creativity and Innovation in the European Union.

All types of adult education institutions, communities, non-governmental organizations, cultural institutions, libraries, museums are invited to join the movement on this week. The activities of the Week (discussions, courses, open days and days of active operation, open classes, seminars, concerts, exhibitions, evenings, etc.) are targeted for adult part of the society, living in big cities, regional centres, small towns and rural areas.

Adult educators' community is also invited to participate in the award of integrated projects and to propose candidates for the 2009 Year Andragogue title.

The Week is supported by Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuanian Republic.



“Adult Learning Week is a great opportunity to surprise yourself! Participate and make something, what you have not done before.

Perhaps you will do the first step in the learning world - in the library, drawing circle, senior theatre, dance studio...

Perhaps you are doing this for many years? Share the joy of learning with others and invite them to be together!” (Vilija Lukosuniene, the Project coordinator).

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