

“The Role of Universities in Promoting Lifelong Learning”

Public Seminar in the framework of the 60th Anniversary of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning

Hamburg, Germany
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Theme

Albert Einstein was quoted as saying “Learning is not a product of schooling but the lifelong attempt to acquire it”. The idea of lifelong learning, not only as an organising principle for education reform, but also as a catalyst for social transformation and sustainable development is more topical than ever before. But what is and what can be the role of higher education in the context of lifelong learning, in particular? How can universities promote lifelong learning, through teaching, research and extension services? How is this embedded in universities’ missions and realised in practice?

This UIL Seminar will explore these questions and more in the company of prominent participants from academia and beyond.

Provisional programme

Friday, 25 May 2012

Venue: Guesthouse, University of Hamburg

9 hrs. **Welcome and introduction**
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9.15 **(Session 1:) Lifelong learning in teaching and research**
Two input statements, one from a university offering courses on LLL and one from a university/organisation with research focus on LLL
(Speakers to be confirmed)

Public discussion on:

1. Transformation of teaching and learning strategies in higher education from the perspective of lifelong learning;
2. Facilitation of evidence-based research in lifelong learning.

Objectives:

- Exchange of experiences and needs assessment for teaching,
- Potential for research cooperation to inform national and regional policy and practice
- Further potential for growth and partnerships

10.45 **Coffee Break**

11.15 **(Session 2:) Higher education and lifelong learning outside the box: Services and synergies with other sectors**

Two input statements, one example of lifelong learning services of universities and one example of cross-sector cooperation
(Speakers to be confirmed)

Public discussion on:

1. Transformation of capacity-building and other services within universities
2. Cooperation of HE with other sectors of lifelong learning

Objectives:

- Information and ideas on the provision of capacity developing programmes to policy-makers and practitioners for promoting lifelong learning
- Further potential for growth and partnerships

12.45 **Final round and wrap –up**

Chair: UIL

13.00 Lunch (to be confirmed)

Follow-up

Conference proceedings and articles will be published and disseminated via the UIL networks.