Adult Education Centers – Key structures for Lifelong Learning and Development

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Manifesto for Adult Learning in the 21st Century
Our challenges

• Diversity and fragmentation of adult education in Europe
• North - West – South and East
• Different understandings of adult education
  – Adult education is just Thai cooking...
  – Adult education is just basic skills....
• Adult education has never been more important than now
Challenges and answers

• Current **challenges**: growing inequalities, unemployment, radicalization, migration, demographic change, climate change... to name only a few
1. Active citizenship, democracy & participation.
2. Life skills for individuals
3. Social cohesion, equity and equality
4. Employment and digitalisation
5. Migration and demographic change
6. Sustainability
7. European policies
Recommendations

Policy
• The value and the role of non-formal adult learning in providing quality education needs more recognition.

Governance
• All key stakeholders in ALE need to be included in the development, implementation and monitoring of ALE policies and programmes.

Financing
• There is an urgent need to increase investment in ALE.

Participation
• Countries in Europe urgently need to reach out to and empower disadvantaged and under-represented groups.

Quality
• Stronger focus on quality.
THANK YOU!

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