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WHAT IS LENA?

LENA is the basis for putting the vision of lifelong learning for all people into practice! It is a European funded project that is researching ways in which partners might approach the development and implementation of an empowerment curriculum for older people.

The project lifetime runs from October 2004 to September 2006.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Partners are working on the development of modules of a curriculum for older people. By applying tried and tested principles from the previous LISA project, national activity is taking place to trial new content and methodology that has been negotiated with a range of people from experts to beneficiaries. Later these modules will be piloted in all partner countries. The final product will be a learning offer that works in a pan-European context and that is freely available for implementation.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE PROJECT?

Our aim is to outline an empowerment curriculum based on modules with new and specifically target group-related educational offers. Besides we will develop a set of methods for "Teaching Older People and Learning in Senior Age".

WHO ARE THE PARTNERS?

The partners are drawn from agencies and services in seven European countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia and the UK. All have different skills, knowledge and understanding to offer, expertise in the delivery of learning to older people, in gerontology, in health and social care, in IT and in networking-

WHAT IS AN EMPOWERMENT CURRICULUM?

It is one that will enable an individual to be proactive in the context of work, community and family. We will focus on activity that contributes to that individual's ability to make the right choices, to engage, to improve self-esteem and self confidence, to sustain their own physical and mental well-being into later life. We wish to acknowledge and champion the place of learning in the lives of older people. We also recognise our obligation to challenge ageism and celebrate diversity and inclusivity through our work.

WHAT ARE OUR PARTICULAR MEASURES?

To define the themes we work with focus groups with older people. We develop and adapt particular national modules and transfer the modules to develop the transnational empowerment curriculum.

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