

Manifesto for **Adult Learning** *in the 21st Century*

Adult education has a role to play when it comes to:

1. Active citizenship, democracy & participation



People who participate in adult education have more trust in the political system, participate more in society, by voting, by volunteering or taking active roles in communities.

5. Migration and demographic change



Civic education and intercultural learning can create integration-friendly cultures. Language and basic skills training will enable migrants to become active citizens. Learning seniors are more active, volunteer more, work longer and are healthier.

2. Life skills for individuals



Adult learners feel healthier, lead healthier lifestyles, build new social networks and experience improved well-being.

6. Sustainability



European citizens need information and innovative spaces to develop new lifestyles, new projects, new approaches. Adult education can help provide the information, the debate spaces and enable the creativity.

3. Social cohesion, equity and equality



Adult education provides many opportunities to equalise societies on a larger scale and to create economic growth.

7. European policies



Adult education contributes to main European strategies in the field of growth, employment, innovation, equity, social cohesion, active citizenship, poverty reduction, climate change, internal market, migration, peace and more.

4. Employment and digitalisation



Workplace learning is one of the key drivers for adults' participation in lifelong learning. Adult education can also help in closing the digital gap.



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