

Successful Integration of Low-Skilled Adults Through Education e-GUIDE for educational workshops for local communities

Annex 1. Introduction of the Workshop to the participants

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are delighted that you will join us in the “Successful integration of low-skilled adults through education” educational workshop. We are sending you a short presentation of the workshop and some practical information about its organization.

This educational Workshop has been developed by the international project “M-EASY” partnership under the Erasmus+ programme. If you want to learn more about the project, please open the following link <http://measy.lpf.lt/>

The aim of the Workshop is to develop the competences of adult educators-practitioners to train the staff of the local communities in order to engage them into fostering inclusion and integration of low-skilled adults through life-long learning. Integration into the local community is not always easy, especially for migrants, refugees and low skilled adults.

The Workshop is planned for 16 academic hours (a.h.) and includes two parts: the on-line session for self-directed learning (8 a.h.) and the face-to-face session with the facilitator (8 a.h).

Our training has already started today with the on-line sessions. During the on-line session you are requested to read and analyze 10 success stories on how life-long learning and efforts of the socially excluded people themselves may open new opportunities and ease the challenging process of integration. These inspiring stories could be used to boost people’s confidence to overcome the difficulties and believe in themselves.

Please find the link to the success stories: http://measy.lpf.lt/training_course_en.html.

During the face-to-face session you will be asked to discuss the success stories in groups, thus it is advisable for you to write your personal feedback on each of the success story by answering the following questions:

- What main aspects of successful integration have been emphasized in the story?
- Could this success story motivate the members of the community (immigrants, refugees, the low-skilled) for active involvement into the society and/or in starting (continuing) learning?
- Could this success story be presented in the local community events in order to raise the awareness of the local people on issues of the equity, diversity and tolerance?
- Could this story be used to foster social integration and promote the sense of belonging to the local community for disadvantaged people (immigrants, refugees, the low-skilled, etc.)?

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- Could this success story be appealing in your country? Will it cover the needs of the target group of the workshop you will lead?
- What could be the importance of the success stories to the members of the local community in terms of raising their awareness towards the socially excluded people?
- What lessons and conclusions from the success stories can you emphasize to your learners?

If you want to write some comments next to each story, please use the table below.

No	Name, country	Quotes	Comments
1.	Adama from Gambia, currently living in Cyprus	"My wish is to continue with my studies, persist with my work and actions here so that I can be in a position to give back to the community and Cyprus."	
2.	Ahmed Nour from Somalia, currently living in Cyprus	"I have always believed in the importance of education which I consider as key for personal success."	
3.	Alla from Russia, currently living in Lithuania	"It doesn't matter what is your job, but your dignity matters. Do the job that you like."	
4.	Anastasia from Ukraine, currently living in Lithuania	"If you want to do something – do it now. World is constantly changing and tomorrow it won't be the same."	
5.	Elsa from Honduras, currently living in Poland	"You have to be active if you want to integrate!"	
6.	Lina from Lithuania	"Openness and sincerity are the first steps towards friendship."	
7.	Mario from Italy, currently living in Lithuania	"There are plenty of opportunities around, the most important."	
8.	Tetiana from Ukraine, currently living in Poland	"Studies have helped me find my place in a new country."	
9.	Alhagie from Gambia, currently living in Italy	"The key to integration is social and cultural participation."	
10.	Diassigui from Senegal, currently living in Italy	"Winning is an attitude. The leader's attitude determines the pace of the group."	

The face-to-face session will be held in {place} on {date}.

Workshop Schedule of the Face-to-face meeting:

10:00 Introduction of the participants, eliciting their expectations

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- 10:20 Presentation of the European background of the Workshop, its impact to the local communities and the low-skilled adults.
- 11:00 Brainstorming session on the topic
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Group work on the success stories. Presentation on the results from the groups
- 15:00 Summarizing the results of the group work.
- 15:30 Short presentation of the M-EASY training course
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:20 Introduction of the e-Guide for further use by participants
- 16:40 Reflection from the participants on how their expectations were met.
- 17.00 Evaluation of the Workshop.
- Certification.

Meanwhile, we'd like to assemble a list of your expectations about the Workshop. We will appreciate if you would send us 2 - 3 sentences of what you expect from this course.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email [{email address}](#).

Looking forward to seeing you on [{date}](#).

Sincerely yours,

{name of the trainer-facilitator}

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