



Adult Education and Development: Skills and Competencies

The International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) continues to inspire dialog, exchange of ideas and critical reflection on highly relevant topics in adult education. Through this virtual seminar ICAE, in cooperation with DVV international, therefore wants to promote a debate and dialogue on selected articles from DVV International's journal Adult Education and Development. This offers the chance to discuss the topics raised in the print issue in a virtual seminar and to go deeper and broaden the analysis. It creates a virtual space as an opportunity to share experiences from different regions and contexts, and to inspire new initiatives.

This years' virtual seminar focuses on skills and competencies. Promoting a holistic approach to adult education, which includes all areas of life and work, ICAE wants to support the discussion about skills for life, work, and citizenship, and foster an integral perspective, which would help avoiding silos way of thinking in adult education. Such an approach could also contribute to the recognition that education is essential for the success of all sustainable development goals.

The following articles of issue 83 of Adult Education and Development will be this years' starting point of the seminar:

1. **The 5 skills it takes to build another possible world – Learning from and for the World Social Forum**
By Alessio Surian, University of Padova, Italy
2. **Enhancing competencies in the Arab world: issues to be considered**
By Rabab Tamish, Bethlehem University, Palestine
3. **The New Skills Agenda for Europe**
By Dana Bachmann and Paul Holdsworth, European Commission
4. **Soft skills in non-formal education: building capacities of the youth**
By Priti Sharma, PRIA International Academy, New Delhi, India

You can already find the articles here: <https://www.dvv-international.de/adult-education-and-development/editions/aed-832016-skills-and-competencies/> (in English, French and Spanish) and follow the discussion on the dedicated ICAE Website <http://virtualseminar.icae.global>.



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Instructions to participate

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- 1- All participants subscribed to a special moderated list created for this seminar.
- 2- All of you will daily receive the papers and inputs of the virtual seminar directly in your mailboxes. You don't have to go to a special website. Nevertheless all the inputs will be available at ICAE website.
- 3- The articles will be sent to all participants in English. Comments can be sent in French or Spanish and they will be translated into English.
- 4- If you wish to send comments or inputs you have to reply to the message received. This message will be received by ICAE Secretariat that administrates and moderates the list. Once or twice a day, ICAE Secretariat will compile all the information received in one message and will forward it to all the people subscribed to the list. As it is a moderated list you will not receive thousands of messages in your mailbox.
- 5- Should you have any doubt, please do not hesitate to write to the list administrator virtualseminar@icae.global

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We invite all of you to participate actively with reflections, and comments.

With best wishes

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