Welcome to ScienceLit second newsletter!
ScienceLit project: Scientific literacy for all!

A reminder: What are the Scientific Dialogic Gatherings?

In Scientific Dialogic Gatherings (SDGs) the participants read and reflect on scientific works and articles. SDGs are aimed at promoting learning through dialogue. Everyone can participate in these dialogues, regardless of their age, gender or culture. The participation of people with low education levels, though, is favored, with the goal of generating a more enriching and inclusive environment. With their involvement, the participants acquire scientific knowledge, as well as the ability to debate while respecting each other.

The SDGs are currently being implemented in three countries, by three of the organizations that are part of the consortium:

KMOP, Greece
In Slovenia, participants are mostly adults 55+ and senior citizens, however, the younger participants contribute a lot with their "modern" views which generate a great debate.

In case of Ágora, participants are either in their 30s or older than 55, sometimes multinational and usually very open for discussion.

The articles read in the SDGs are normally selected by the participants, based on a selection of suggested books. The topics cover a wide range, from soil fertility to making lighting healthier, how to reverse ageing and what are the newest discoveries in curing Alzheimer.

The Methodology on Scientific Dialogic Gatherings for Adult Education

As we mentioned in the first ScienceLit newsletter, the consortium’s first output will be a Methodology on Scientific literacy for Adult Education. It will be a useful tool for any adult education professional or volunteer that may be interested in putting the SDGs to practice at their own schools or organizations.

Look out for more news about the ScienceLit Methodology; it will soon be available on our website in PDF format for anyone to download in all the national languages of the countries involved in the project: English, Spanish, German, Greek and Slovenian.
Check out the The ScienceLit Interactive Guide on Scientific Literacy for Adult Education!

The ScienceLit Interactive Guide on Scientific Dialogic Gatherings for Adult Education is the second output of this project, which is addressed to adult education providers, educators, volunteers and anyone willing to implement the ScienceLit methodology. The interactive guide explains how to involve the participants, how to organize the courses in order to be successful, etc.

It is in electronic format so it can be dynamic, attractive and accessible. It includes writing content as well as dynamic content, such as audio-visual materials. There are also interactive spaces, like a section for anyone to test their knowledge on SDGs, as well as a pin board for SDG groups around Europe and around the world that allows them to share their experiences. You can find the Interactive guide here (open access) only in English at the moment, but it soon be available in Spanish, German, Greek and Slovenian.

Next steps

The Scientific Cafés

In order to disseminate the first two outputs of the project - Methodology on Scientific Dialogic Gatherings for Adult Education and Interactive Guide on Scientific Dialogic Gatherings for Adult Education - three Scientific Cafés will be held from June to August 2018 in the countries where the SDGs are being implemented: Greece, Slovenia, Germany and Spain. For more information and to attend these Scientific Cafés, you may contact the representative partner of these three countries (see the contact information bellow).

The ScienceLit Training Course on Scientific Literacy for Adult Education

The ScienceLit training course on Scientific Literacy for Adult Education aims to train professionals in order for them to implement the ScienceLit methodology in their organizations and implement the courses that showed successful results in adult education through strengthening of core competences. The training is mainly addressed to adult education providers, teachers and volunteers and other professionals working directly with adults from different backgrounds, especially for those working with vulnerable adults. It will be an 8 hour course and it will be implemented in Greece, Germany, Slovenia and Spain. To know more and to sign up for the training course in your country, see the contact information bellow.
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