

European Agenda for Adult Learning

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1. Making lifelong learning and mobility a reality.
2. Improving the quality and efficiency of education and training.
3. Promoting equality, social cohesion and active citizenship through adult learning.
4. Enhancing the creativity and innovation of adults and their learning environments.
5. Improving the knowledge base on adult learning and monitoring the adult learning sector.

Creating UK Impact Forums – NI Experience

- learning from within and across UK administrations
- coordinating information, issues and ideas, from different perspectives of adult learning, within each area
- exchanging dialogue, ideas and information between policy-makers, officials and practitioners
- identifying where adult learning complemented, supported and enhanced other agendas
- gaining in-sight into joint working and partnership initiatives, within adult learning as well as across other sectors, to meet diverse interests and needs

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Development strands:

- adult basic skills (the Citizens' Curriculum),
- digital skills,
- and young adult employability

Research strands – the impact of adult learning on:

- health and well-being
- work and employment
- communities

UK Final Report – November 2017

The Impact of Adult Learning in the UK – “Healthy, Wealthy & Wise”

1. Overview
2. Health
3. Work
4. Communities
5. Devolved contexts: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales
6. Conclusions / summary