

Transforming Learning in Cities, Regions, Communities, Homes and People

Over a period of 50 years I have been involved in the development of knowledge of the principles of lifelong learning and learning cities, towns and regions. First as a knowledge worker in schools, industry and universities, then later as the President of the European Lifelong Learning Initiative, a manager of European Commission projects in these fields and consultant to UNESCO in its development of its Global Learning Cities network. In the last 3 capacities, and with the help of many others, I have helped to develop a huge body of learning materials that would assist people and organisations of all types – towns, cities, regions, industries, schools, universities, communities, cultural organisations, citizens and more - to understand the ways in which they can put the ideas and principles into practice for their own development and for the good of the regions, nations and the planet on which we live.

In my mind the concept of learning throughout life is the only way that humanity can adapt to the ever-accelerating pace and complexity of life. It may sound grandiose but I can think of no other way of liberating minds and releasing the inherent creativity of people than education, and more appropriately, lifelong learning, so that they may enjoy and profit from life on a sustainable planet. It is what we as human beings do best to stay informed and intelligent. A thinking democracy. It certainly beats ignorance, of which there is, sadly, an abundance in the present time.

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So I am dedicating this website to the free access of hundreds of pages of those learning materials to the knowledge and understanding of lifelong learning and its implementation in cities, towns, regions and communities worldwide. It covers several years of development in many projects, mostly written in the first 12 years of the millennium. It is my contribution to the creation of a more sustainable, generous and tolerant planet. There is much on this site that can be used by schools, universities, colleges, companies, municipalities – any educational entity that wants to improve the knowledge and performance of its leaders, teachers, students, workforce and citizens. And it is all free for everyone to download and use as they wish.

There are also many helpful short one and 2 page diagrams and descriptions that will assist in understanding the mechanisms and tools that can be used in creating a learning city, region or town, all of these providing hundreds of hours of Learning materials. And participants were from several countries, thus producing materials in more than one language. All is shown on this site. Feel free to use as you wish

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