Links-up.eu Webinar

Social Software for Social Inclusion: Successes or Failures?

The Links-up project partners and their local contacts offer this webinar to all practitioners with presentations downloadable in four languages (**English, German, Dutch and Italian**). During the webinar, participants can interact in oral as well as in written form with the help of 4 expert moderators in all four languages.

What is this Webinar about?

The project is now presenting via this Webinar its results of 2 years research with **Austrian, English, Italian, Dutch and German local projects engaged on various fields of social inclusion**. This Webinar is also a 'Learning Dialogue' aiming to bring together stakeholders to review and debate the results. It covers the policy and practice map of the project; a summary analysis of 24 case study examples of the use of Web 2.0 to support 'inclusive learning', and the evaluation of six 'action research' experiments, which applied what was learned during the project.

What will happen at the Webinar?

Participants in this Webinar will have the opportunity to find out about interesting **activities** related to Web 2.0 for inclusive learning and to explore what works in **practice** in different countries and discuss challenges remain to be addressed. After the presentation of the project results, this webinar will provide participants with the opportunity **to work online** with other experts, practitioners and project partners to **exchange knowledge and good practices** as well as to discuss the three main research themes of Links-up: a)Is Learning 2.0 really supporting inclusive Lifelong Learning? b)Can isolated Learning 2.0 experiments be mainstreamed? c) Is Learning 2.0 fundamentally changing the educational landscape?

When is it happening?

It is on 24 October 2011 at 11:00 CET

Where and how to participate?

This is an open Webinar, thus participation is **free of charge** and is open to all interested. It will be happening **online**, thus you only need a computer, internet, headphone and microphone if you wish to interact. **To participate, you only need to click on the link soon available on the Links-up website.**

Thematical Background

The spread of social software in all walks of life in recent years has been phenomenal. What is also striking is the increasing penetration of social software and similar technologies into the learning domain. The use of blogs, wikis, podcasts, tagging and other 'Learning 2.0' applications – particularly in 'grass-roots' initiatives – are seen as opening up new channels and opportunities for innovative learning as well as for social and digital inclusion. Yet the evidence base to support this optimistic view of 'Learning 2.0' is still fragmented and contested. 'Learning 2.0 for an Inclusive Knowledge Society - Understanding the Picture' (www.links-up.eu) is a research project looking in detail at how 'Web 2.0' technologies are changing the face of education and training for 'hard-to-reach' people and those 'at risk' of social exclusion.

Technical Background

This Webinar will be streamed in Adobe Connect. To see how it works and what you need to do to use it, watch this video guide before the Webinar starts: http://www.viddler.com/explore/otavanopisto/videos/230/