



Opening doors - **Developing partnerships for basic skills training beyond the classroom**

The European Basic Skills Network Annual General Assembly and Conference, 2013
 Madrid, May 23rd – 25th

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Final Conference Program

Thursday, May 23rd

09.00 – 09.30	<i>Registration and coffee</i>	
09.30 – 13.30	EBSN General Assembly	
13.30 – 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
15.00 – 15.20	M^a Jesús del Río Alcalde , Subdirectora General de Aprendizaje a lo Largo de la Vida del Ministerio de Educación , Cultura Y Deporte – <i>Welcoming speech</i> Graciela Sbertoli , Vox / Chair of the EBSN: <i>Introduction to the program</i>	Plenary session
PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL PARTNERS		
15.20 – 16.00	John Benseman , <i>Effective Workplace Literacy Training</i>	Plenary session
16.00 – 16.20	Judith Swift MBE, Union Development Manager, <i>Unionlearn: Unions' role in opening doors to learning</i>	Plenary session
16.20 – 17.20	WS 1A: <i>Workbased learning</i> Chaired by John Benseman WS 1B: <i>Workbased learning</i> Chaired by Bernhard Grämiger and David Mallows	Parallel sessions (discussion in groups, after an introduction by the chair)
17.20 – 17.40	Summing up the results of WGs	Plenary session
18.00 – 19.00	<i>Meeting of the newly appointed Executive Committee</i>	
	<i>Individual evening arrangements</i>	

Friday, May 24th

POLICY CONTEXT		
09.00 – 09.30	Alison Crabb , European Commission, <i>Joining forces for basic skills</i>	Plenary session
PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP		
09.30 – 10.00	Monika Tröster , DIE, <i>The Euralpha Learner's Manifesto</i>	Plenary session, including video
10.00 – 10.30	Sam Duncan , NRDC, <i>Basic Skills in Study Circles: Reading for Pleasure</i>	Plenary session
10.30 – 11.00	Hanne Christensen , Vox , and Rosa María Falgás , ACEFIR: <i>Initial literacy for immigrants: the ALFIE project results</i>	Plenary session
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 – 12.20	Interactive space	Organized by Cath Hamilton , Education Scotland, and David Mallows , NRDC
PARTNERSHIP WITH DIGITAL PROVIDERS		
12.20 – 12.50	Luis Collado , Google Spain, <i>Digital Competence for Employability and Active Citizenship</i>	Plenary session
12.50 – 13.20	Tom O'Mara , NALA, <i>Web based literacy and numeracy learning.</i>	Plenary session
13.20 – 13.45	Market Area : Project presentations	
13.45 – 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFICIENT PARTNERSHIPS		
15.00 – 15.30	Cath Hamilton , Education Scotland, <i>BASKET Learning Partnership – training recommendations for tutors - the story so far</i>	Plenary session
15.30 – 16.00	Carmen Sainz , Spanish Ministry of Education, and Jean-Christophe Ralema , Regional Project Officer, ANLCI: <i>Making it happen: Creation of National Structures for Basic Skills Training in (the FYR of) Macedonia</i>	Plenary session
16:05 – 16.45	WS 2A – <i>CPD for Basic Skills Teachers: What is needed?</i> – Chaired by Helen Casey , NRDC WS 2B – <i>Is Adult Learning Digitally Challenged?</i> Chaired by Tom O'Mara , NALA	Parallel sessions (discussion in groups, after an introduction by the chair)
16.45 – 17.00	Summing up	Plenary session
20.00	Conference Dinner	

Saturday, May 25th

FROM EVIDENCE TO POLICY		
09.00 – 09.30	Xeni Dimakos , Vox, <i>Preparing for a post-PIAAC era.</i>	Plenary session
09.30 – 10.00	Satya Brink , International Consultant in Education and Human Capital. <i>Evidence for policy and practice decision making for adult skills training in Canada.</i>	Plenary session
10.00 – 10.30	David Mallows , NRDC, <i>Outcomes of basic skills training, skills and competences</i>	Plenary session
10.30 – 10.50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.50 – 11.10	Hilal Gencay , Mother Child Education Foundation, Turkey, <i>Cohesive national programs.</i>	Plenary session
11.10 – 12.00	From Evidence to Policy and onto Implementation WS 3A – <i>From Survey Results to National Policy and Campaigns.</i> Chaired by Jean-Pierre Jeantreau , ANLCI WS 3B – <i>Evidence-based policy and practice.</i> Chaired by Satya Brink , International Consultant	Parallel sessions (discussion in groups, after an introduction by the chair)
12.00 – 12.30	Summing up the results of WGs	Plenary session
12.30 – 13.00	Graciela Sbertoli , Vox, <i>The EBSN Academy</i>	Plenary session
13.00 – 13.30	The EBSN Executive Committee <i>EBSN: Stock taking and plans ahead.</i>	Plenary session
	<i>Conclusions and farewell</i>	
13.30– 15.00	<i>Lunch</i>	

The European Basic Skills Network was officially launched in June 2010 and it gathers European policy makers, policy providers, research institutions and national provider associations working in the field of basic skills for adults.

The network's members will contribute to better policy and practice for the enhancement of basic skills in the European population by benchmarking national policy and effects, exchanging examples of promising policy and practice at national or regional level, creating a common knowledge area through the exchange of research results, facilitating cooperation between European stakeholders, raising awareness about relevant issues, creating a common pool of resources, and establishing cooperation with relevant stakeholders outside Europe,.

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