

Winners International Award 2011 in The Netherlands 'Adult education with an international dimension'

This year there are 2 winners: Scouting Gelderland and Maastricht University

Scouting Gelderland

for their project

“Validation of non formal learning in voluntary work”

Since more than 12 years, Scouting Gelderland is developing projects and activities to support recognition of non formal learning in general, and more specific in youth work and voluntary work. The target group for these activities are volunteer centres on local and national level, organizations working with volunteers, and youth work(ers).

In the project “*Validation of non formal learning in voluntary work*”, partners from 5 countries made an inventory of good practices in the field of recognition of non formal learning. Based on this inventory, they developed useful and informative materials for volunteering organizations that want to work on recognition of competences.

During the closing conference of the project, titled 'Inspiration for recognition', the materials were presented and discussed. Recognition of competences was put in the context of life long learning, and related to other developments, such as the European Qualifications Framework, Europass, and the European Skills Passport.

The jury is impressed by the consistent effort for recognition of competences in youth work/voluntary work that Scouting Gelderland has shown during the past years.

Scouting Gelderland was initiator and driving force of the validation project. The results are interesting for a wide range of volunteering organizations. The project contributes to the translation of European developments to local level.

Project partners came from Germany, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Sweden, and The Netherlands. The project was a Grundtvig Learning Partnership, part of the Life Long Learning Programme.

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