

EduSenNet Survey "HELPING THE OVER 50S"

EduSenNet is a European funded project designed for people over 50 years of age. Researchers from 6 different European countries will be working together to find the best ways of helping older people fulfil their learning needs through the later years of their working lives and in retirement. The project will focus on how later life can be enriched through learning activities of all kinds. Many of the project workers are themselves older volunteers, learners over 50 who have benefitted from and are experienced in such activities.

We are seeking those older people who have an interest in learning but need guidance or assistance to join educational programmes. The attached questionnaire is designed to provide us the basic information for working out appropriate measures. You will see that no names are required so you can be certain that your information will only be used as part of the general findings of this research.

We would be very grateful if you could complete this questionnaire which we hope will only take a few minutes of your time.

Thank you very much.

The questionnaire is in 2 parts, **A** and **B**.

Part A is about **you** and Part B is about **you and learning**.

Please tick the item(s) most appropriate to you

A.1 The country in which you live

- a/ Czech Republic
- b/ Germany
- c/ Netherlands
- d/ Slovakia
- e/ Spain
- f/ Sweden

A.2 Your Gender

- a/ Male
- b/ Female

A.3 Your age

- a/ 50 -60
- b/ 61 -70
- c/ 71 -80
- d/ 81+

A.4 Education (please tick as appropriate):

- a) Primary
- b) Secondary
- c) University
- d) Other

A.5 Where do you live (please tick as appropriate):

- a/ In a town or city

b/ In a village / country

A.6 Housing (please tick as appropriate):

a/ Alone in your own apartment or house

b/ With members of your family in an apartment or house

c/ In a residential home

d/ Other form of housing

A.7. Do you have a physical handicap or health problem that makes it difficult for you to join learning events?

B. LEARNING

B.1 Do you think learning in later life is important and are you interested in taking part in learning activities

a/ Yes

b/ No

Please describe the reason why yes/no

B.2 How do you find out about learning possibilities? / Where can you find out about learning possibilities?

a) friends, family, colleagues

b) advertising

c) internet

d) newspaper

e) TV/ radio

f) other (please describe).....

g) I do not know

B.3 Do you know any University of the Third Age?

a) Yes

b) No

B.4 Which other learning activities for the over 50s in your region are you familiar with?

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B.5 Which of these learning activities would be suitable for you?

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B.6 Which of the following do you think are good reasons for taking part in learning activities?

a) finding out about things / getting new information

b) meeting people and improving social contact

c) overcoming isolation

d) being more active

e) improving the quality of life in retirement

f) other (please specify).....

B.7 Would more information and a wider range of learning activities persuade you to take part?

a) Yes

B) No

B.8 If yes, which subjects would interest you?

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(The attached list of subjects of current UTA courses can be used as a guide, but you are free to write down other subjects)

B.9 If no, what would prevent you from taking part? (Max. 3)

- a) personal health problems
- b) partner's health problems
- c) lack of spare time
- d) personal commitments (e.g. Caring for family members)
- e) distance from venue
- f) lack of suitable travel facilities
- g) financial problems
- h) not enough quality teachers
- i) other.....

B.10 Which type of education would you prefer?

- a) lectures
- b) seminars
- c) excursions
- d) discussions
- e) exercises, training
- f) other (please specify).....

B.11

Is the social aspect of learning important for you (learning in a group in direct contact with the lecturer)?

a/ Yes

b/ No

The reason why yes or no?

B.12

Would you want to use new media for learning either at home or in a group (e.g. courses on cd, live transmissions of lectures via internet)?

a) Yes

b) No

The reason why yes or no?

B.13

What sort of measures do come to your mind that would make it easier for you to take part in learning?

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING PART IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE