



Promoting
Third Age
Education



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Slovenian U3A in a nutshell

In the past:

- 1984 - a two-year experimental and research programme
 - 1986 - Slovenian U3A was established
- First study circle was French- 1 mentor 6 students



Slovenian U3A in a nutshell

Today:

- a network of 52 universities all over the country
- 21000 students
- 1000 working contracts and work places
- U3AE Ljubljana 3300 students, 280 study groups and circles
- Four sections: Slovenian U3A, Ljubljana U3A, Institute for research and development, Institute for Dyslexia and a Resource center

Mission Statement

In our view culture and older adult education are a way of decent and contributing living, meeting individual and community needs as well as anticipating social changes and adapting to them. It is also a way towards achieving greater social fairness on distributive, cultural and symbolic level. It is about supporting social inclusion and participation as well as dialogue among generations. Older adult education fosters active citizenship and respect for environment. It is a way towards maintaining and developing older people's knowledge and skills, helping them to use them for their own benefit as well as for the benefit of society and in cooperation with other generations.

Study circle



Fields of activity

- education *for* older adults and *about* older adults; socially engaged education of older people and education for their personal growth; integrated counselling and guidance for active ageing;
- education *for* and organised volunteering of older people in public institutions; structures for self-organised reciprocal and collaborative learning (Each-one-teach-one, study circles etc.);
- since 2007 it has been active in the field of intergenerational learning/theory/practices; It has been performing continuous public campaigning;
- bi-annual International festival of Knowledge and Culture in Later life Civil dialogues;
- advocacy of older people and their contribution to shaping relevant policies.

