

The Grundtvig Programme Opportunities for Adult Education Providers and Learners

The **Grundtvig programme** is part of the European Commission's new Lifelong Learning Programme and aims to strengthen the European dimension in adult education and lifelong learning across Europe.

Grundtvig specifically seeks to address the educational challenge of an ageing population and to provide adults with alternative pathways to updating their skills and competences. Grundtvig encompasses all types of learning, whether these take place in the 'formal' or 'non-formal' system of education for adults, or in more 'informal' ways, such as autonomous learning, community learning or experiential learning.

Anyone in adult education can participate including adult learners, teachers and trainers from a variety of organisations including local authorities, non-governmental organisations, charities, universities, community groups, etc. 'Adult' in the Grundtvig sense refers to all persons over the age of 25 and all persons aged 16-24 who are no longer undergoing initial education within the formal education system.

Grants are available for a wide range of activities. Some examples are basic skills, foreign languages, parental education, arts and culture. All projects involve working with European partners and offer a great learning and personal development experience for staff and learners.

What can you do?

You can apply to:

- Attend a course, conference or period of work shadowing in another European country for up to 6 weeks.
- Participate in a Learning Partnership and work with other European organisations to co-operate on a particular theme related to adult education. Learning Partnerships offer you the opportunity to involve both your staff and learners in a European project and the benefits can be enormous.
- Meet potential partners in another European country to help you put an application for a Learning Partnership together.

Contact us

The Grundtvig National Agency for the UK is managed by ECOTEC Research and Consulting Ltd. We provide help, advice and guidance on how to apply for Grundtvig. The contact e-mail is: grundtvig@ecotec.com and the helpdesk telephone number 0845 199 1919.