



Hello and welcome to the first newsletter of the ACT-IT-OUT newsletter!

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Partner countries: Ireland, Croatia, Romania, France, Germany, Cyprus, Italy

## WHAT IS CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE?

Cultural intelligence is an important skill that helps us to see, acknowledge and appreciate the unseen, intangible aspects of what makes our cultures unique and allows us to understand the impact that culture can have on societies and on social behaviour. Being able to comprehend and accept differing cultures and their diversity, is one of the keys to success in all areas of our lives.

## ACT-IT-OUT HEADLINES

The ACT IT OUT project aims at supporting adult learners across Europe to use three artistic disciplines (Photographs, Poems and Performances) to develop their own cultural intelligence and to promote an appreciation of cultural diversity throughout European society.

The three components that identify cultural intelligence are cognitive, emotional and physical. The cognitive (mind), is when a person with a high level of cultural intelligence is able to establish learning strategies allowing them to identify means of a shared understanding. The emotional component (the heart) is simply a matter of trust and motivation. A person with a high CQ is completely confident that they will be able to overcome difficulties and is highly motivated to do so. The physical (the body) component is made up of cultural gestures that you tend to do. To build the cultural intelligence of adult learners across Europe, the ACT-IT-OUT project proposes an innovative approach to using creativity in cultural education. By mapping these three components to the proposed 3Ps Programme—Photographs, Poems and Performances.



## WHAT ARE THE PROJECT PARTNERS GOING TO PRODUCE?

- **IO1 – 3Ps Programme – Photographs, Poems and Performances** which will comprise of suite of 36 digital learning resources and support materials, 12 resources addressing each artistic discipline – 6 of these resources will be developed at introductory level and 6 at advanced level. The resources for Photographs will address the cognitive component of cultural intelligence, the resources for Poems will target the emotional component and the resources for Performance will address the physical component of emotional intelligence.
- **IO2 – Induction Training Programme for Adult and Community Educator** comprising 3 modules (1 addressed to introducing the topic of cultural intelligence and its components, 1 addressed to working in and supporting learners in a multicultural environment and 1 addressed to developing the facilitation skills of educators to deliver the resources in the 3Ps Programme to a group of adult learners).
- **IO3 – ACT-IT-OUT MOOC and Community of Practice** which will host all learning materials produced by the consortium and allow a digital space for the Poems and Photographs produced as part of the IO1 implementation to be displayed. The MOOC will also host a suite of 120 Open Education Resources that will be collected by partners to further enhance the development of cultural intelligence and tolerance among diverse groups of learners and educators across Europe. The platform will also host an area where educators can collaborate and form a European-wide network of practitioners, working to pilot this new approach to developing the cultural awareness and tolerance of adult learners across Europe.



## WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

- First transnational project meeting in Berlin in April 2022
- Content development for IO1, IO2, and IO3
- Induction training for adult educators in July 2022
- Multiplier event in partner countries in October 2022
- Final conference in Italy in December 2022

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