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Online platform launched for Europe's adult learning community

Thousands of people working in adult education will be able to access news and events, and network with colleagues across Europe, as the European Commission unveils the latest version of its community-directed adult learning site, EPALE.

The second version of the adult learning community platform EPALE (the Electronic Platform for Adult Learning in Europe) has gone live today in English, with several important new developments, including an events calendar and a newsroom feature.

The newsroom will bring the latest updates in adult education best practice, policy updates and opportunities for funding to professionals working in adult education.

Site users will now be able to have adult learning news delivered straight to their inbox by subscribing to EPALE's newsletter, as well as joining EPALE conversations on social media. EPALE also has an active presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, with connections to professionals from all over Europe.

A calendar of events will help professionals find out about conferences and training opportunities, and users can search for events according to theme, date and location.

Further site releases, in all 24 EU languages will take place over the coming weeks. There will also be a glossary of adult education words coming soon. More features will be added to the site over the coming months, including user profiles, polls and a resource centre for users to stay up to date with the latest resources in adult learning.

A key addition in the next version (to be released later in the year) will be a partner search function and forums so visitors to EPALE can get in touch and share expertise with their counterparts from all over Europe.

Notes to Editor:

EPALE is a new initiative funded by the European Commission. The web platform is the latest development in the EU's long-term commitment to promoting high quality adult learning in Europe. The site has been developed for teachers, trainers and volunteers, as well as policy-makers, researchers and academics involved in adult learning.

EPALE development is steered by the European Commission and it is managed through the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency. It is delivered by a Central Support Service which will be supported soon by a network of National Support Services. www.ec.europa.eu/epale

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