

Educational needs and expectations of people over 50 years old.

This questionnaire was created as a part of AWAKE project (Aging With Active Knowledge and Experience) to research educational needs of people over 50 and the motivation in voluntary work of 50+ people. Your suggestions and expectations concerning learning in the adult life will help us to improve learning methods and develop educational offer for people over 50.

Information about respondent:

Gender	Female		Male		
Age	51-60	61-70	71-80	81+	
Place of residence	rural	small town	medium	city	
Marital status	married	single	divorced	widower	
Living	alone	couple	with family	old people's home	
Educational level	higher	post high school	high school	professional	basic
Employment status	self-employed	employee	pensioner	unemployed	
What profession?					
Mobility	independent		need help of other people		

Please choose only one answer unless stated otherwise.

Questionnaire part I. CURRENT SITUATION

1. Are you currently involved in any educational program/courses?

- a. **Yes**, I'm attending courses (incl. e-learning) (*Please indicate what kind of courses*): **You may select more than one**
1. Foreign languages
 2. On ICT (information communication technologies)
 3. Related to my professional field
 4. Related to my hobbies (*e.g., floristic, art and craft, dancing, etc.*)

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- 5. For personal development (e.g., healthy lifestyle, good diet, etc.)
 - 6. Other _____
- b. **No**, I'm not involved.

2. To acquire new skills or knowledge, (select all which fit)

- a. I read special literature (books, magazines, materials on the Internet, etc.)
- b. I watch educational TV programs
- c. I join different interest groups
- d. I'm a member of specialized social networks in Internet
- e. I take part in amateur art activities, in amateur performances
- f. Other _____

3. How much time do you spend on learning and self-development?

- a. Less than 1 hour a week
- b. 1-2 hours a day
- c. 1-2 hours a week
- d. More than 10 hours per week
- e. Other _____

Questionnaire part II. Needs and expectations

4. Learning is a good way to remain active. Do you agree?

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

5. Would you like to learn something new?

- a. Yes, certainly
- b. Yes, if it's useful for my personal career
- c. No, I have not enough time
- d. No, it's not useful

6. At a certain age there's no need to learn. Do you agree?

- a. Yes. When? _____ **If the respondent chooses also in question 5 d answer, ask a question number 16-17 and do part IV of the questionnaire.**
- b. No.

7. Why do you want to learn? motivation

For every sentence below circle one of the answers 1-5:

1 - Strongly Agree, 2- Agree, 3- Neither, 4 – Disagree, 5 - Strongly disagree

I like learning	1	2	3	4	5
Learning is a good way to meet other people	1	2	3	4	5

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Learning is a good way to share my opinion with others	1	2	3	4	5
I need it for my future career	1	2	3	4	5
Other people will respect me more	1	2	3	4	5
I could acquire and increase qualifications	1	2	3	4	5
I could develop new skills	1	2	3	4	5
Learning is a good way to enjoy myself	1	2	3	4	5
It's a personal development	1	2	3	4	5
I could increase my self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5

8. What do you expect from learning? final results

For every sentence below circle one of the answers 1-5:

1 - Strongly Agree, 2- Agree, 3- Neither, 4 – Disagree, 5 - Strongly disagree

Satisfaction	1	2	3	4	5
Certificate	1	2	3	4	5
Spending time nicely	1	2	3	4	5
Meeting new people (friends)	1	2	3	4	5
Acquiring new knowledge and skills that will help me to find a new or better job)	1	2	3	4	5
Acquiring new skills	1	2	3	4	5

9. What would you like to learn? (You may select all, but please range your priorities - write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. foreign languages
- b. something connected with art (drawing, painting, sculpture)
- c. how to use computer and the internet
- d. something practical (sewing, knitting, cooking, to do Do It Yourself, etc.)
- e. new sport activity
- f. how to take care of my health and beauty
- g. something useful for my job
- h. other _____

10. What kind of personal skills would you like to acquire? (You may select all, but please range your priorities – write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. how to deal with emotions
- b. how to build relationships, how to solve conflicts
- c. how to persuade successfully
- d. how to exchange experience
- e. how to speak in public
- f. how to mediate

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- g. how to work in a group
- h. how to be a good leader
- i. Other _____

11. How many hours a week would you like to learn?

- a. 1-5
- b. 6-10
- c. 11-15
- d. 16-20
- e. more than 20

12. Which method of learning do you prefer?

- a. Books/written material
- b. Internet
- c. Video and audio recordings
- d. Other _____

13. What sentence do you agree with?:

- a. I prefer learning face to face with a teacher – go to question no. 15
- b. I prefer learning in a group – go to question no. 14
- c. I prefer learning by myself - go to question no. 15

14. If in a group:

- a. In a small group (up to 5 people)
- b. In a big group (more than 5 people)

15. If you could choose a teacher how old he/she would be?

- a. Person younger than me – why? _____
- b. Person in similar age– why? _____
- c. Doesn't matter

16. What's your favourite way of spending your free time? (You may select all, but please range your priorities - write the number 1, 2, 3 ...)

- a. reading a newspaper/a book
- b. watching TV/listening to the radio
- c. netsurfing
- d. visiting cinemas, theatres, musuems
- e. doing sport/exercise
- f. meeting friends/family
- g. other _____

Questionnaire part III. Possibilities and barriers

17. Does the place you live in (city) provide any:

Schools for adults (post-high schools, postgraduate schools)	Yes	No	Don't know
Educational offer for 50+ people (third age universities, ngos, etc.)	Yes	No	Don't know
Voluntary offer for 50+ people	Yes	No	Don't know

18. Is the existing educational offer for 50+ people sufficient?

- Yes – go to question no. 20
- No – go to question no. 19

19. What are the weak points of this offer?

20. Do you see any barriers in your participation in education in your place of living?

- Yes – go to question no. 21
- No - go to question no. 22

21. What barriers?

- Health problems
- Family problems
- Lack of time
- Disability
- Financial problems
- Distance/no good connection
- Lack of information
- Lack of educational counseling
- Other _____

Questionnaire part IV. Volunteering

22. What in your opinion is volunteering?

23. In definition Volunteering is “...”

Would you like to be a volunteer?

- Yes – go to question no. 24
- No – go to question no. 26
- I am – go to question no. 24

24. Why are you a Volunteer/Why would you like to be?

- a. I want to be with other people and make new friends
 - b. I want to help other people
 - c. I want to feel needed
 - d. I want to learn something new
 - e. Volunteering makes me feel good
 - f. It helps me in my professional life
 - g. It's a good way of learning something about myself
 - h. Other _____
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25. What field of volunteering are you interested in?

25. Why are you not interested in volunteering?

- a. I'm still working
 - b. I have health problems
 - c. I'm engaged with my family
 - d. I don't want to be abused
 - e. I don't know where I could have information about it
 - f. I have other interests
 - g. Other? _____
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Thank you!