

LJUDSKA UNIVERZA AND LIFELONG LEARNING: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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ADULT EDUCATION

YESTERDAY

TODAY

TOMORROW

CONCLUSION

ADULT EDUCATION

- Education is a lifelong, dynamic process essential for personal and societal development.
- Adult education plays a key role in modern society, adapting to evolving needs.
- Dynamic, diverse, and responsive to both personal and global challenges.



YESTERDAY

ADULT EDUCATION

- Types: Formal, non-formal, informal
- Goals: Enhance personal growth, support community development, foster societal participation
- Features: Voluntary participation, learner-centered approach, relevance to real-life contexts



YESTERDAY

YESTERDAY - OVERVIEW

- Ancient origins in Egypt, Greece, and Rome
- Development through religious schools and trade apprenticeships
- The Age of Enlightenment and Industrial Revolution introduced evening schools (*Volkshochschulen* in Germany)
- The Digital Era: Rise of online learning



TODAY

YESTERDAY

- Roots in the Enlightenment period
- During Yugoslavia: Focus on literacy, vocational skills, and cultural programs
- Establishment of Ljudske univerze (AECs) across Slovenia
- Post-1991: Reforms aligned with EU integration and democratic values, establishment of SIAE
- Focus areas: Improving employability, civic participation, and personal development



TODAY

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- Diverse, regional, community-responsive
- Features:
 - Community-based learning initiatives
 - NGO involvement and partnerships
 - Workplace training programs
 - Digital and online learning platforms
- AECs as regional hubs for flexible, short-term, and demand-driven learning



TOMORROW

LJUDSKA UNIVERZA MURSKA SOBOTA

- Over 60 years of continuous service
- Transitioned from rural literacy to inclusive lifelong learning
- Programs include digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and cognitive skills development
- Plays a strategic role in regional development, focusing on inclusion, education, and skills



TOMORROW

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- Shift toward flexible, inclusive, and accessible systems
- Addressing global challenges:
 - Ensuring funding stability
 - Increasing participation, especially among marginalized groups
 - Recognition of informal and non-formal learning outcomes



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- Adoption of digital and blended learning modalities
- Strengthening local partnerships and community co-creation
- Micro-credentials and personalized lifelong learning pathways
- Emphasis on policy support, capacity building, and international collaboration



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- Adult education is a cornerstone of resilience, social cohesion, and lifelong personal growth.
- Small institutions like AECs serve as vital community anchors.
- The future calls for adaptable, inclusive, and innovative systems to meet the evolving needs of learners.



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