

The Whys, The Hows, and the Whos of Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning has become the most glamorous term in adult education. Although the term is nowadays mainly used in regard to learning in older adulthood, lifelong learning emphasizes that humans learn in different contexts and forms over the entire life span.

In this presentation, we will explore the concepts of lifelong learning in regard to learning in and about old age, and address the questions of why and how older adult education gains importance under current trends in demographics, (i.e., extended life spans) and workforce development. We will discuss motivators and learning preferences of mature adults, examples of best practices and community resources.

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