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Workshop 2 -
“Learning during volunteering and follow-up”
Brain storming
Productions and results of the 3 groups

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**How to better “market” volunteering
as a learning opportunity ?**



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- Involving students, children, making conferences, workshops
- Certificates and competences portfolio
- Promoting volunteering during meeting in local areas
- Training coordinators to emphasize the learning dimension of volunteering
- PR of learning during volunteering among HR of companies
- Matching the learning needs
- Show local authorities incl educational authorities that learning through volunteering brings double benefits: 1. non paid work, 2. gained knowledge and skills for volunteers
- Underline to potential volunteers what they will gain what they will learn
- Volunteering is enjoying yourself too !!
- Meeting new people
- Partnerships with schools & university => credits for volunteering at schools

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Skills which can be learned as a volunteer?



- More experience
- Social skills
- Foreign language
- NTIC
- Friendship
- Relation with others in a non hierarchical environment
- Understanding (others/new traditions, thoughts, religions)
- Group building, sense of unity, empathy, team spirit
- Cultural heritage
- Flexibility - adaptability
- Technical skills
- Responsibility, leadership
- Make the best: demanding about his own work and his role in society
- Peer to peer
- Learning by doing
- Discovering your potential
- Peer to peer learning
- Learning by sharing
- Taking initiative
- Open-minded
- Project management
- Decision making
- Creativity
- Tolerance
- Conflict management
- Time management
- Self-confidence
- Being adaptative
- Mentoring and coaching

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Specificities of senior learners



- They learn more complex things ie they make more connections with references to the topic
- It takes more time for them to learn
- They need flexible learning environment
- They prefer more comfort
- They want their knowledge to be appreciated
- They are more insecure when learning absolutely new things
- BUT : these are stereotypes and each senior volunteer is UNIQUE

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What do volunteers learn abroad that they would not learn at home?



- How to learn by having fun !
- Different cultures and habits
- New / different lifestyle
- Language
- Independence
- How to deal with airport / trains
- Manage difficulties, facing the unexpected
- Good to see the example of other countries
- Different approaches of solving problems
- Accepting differences
- Self reflection
- Non verbal communication
- Tolerance, humility
- Living the european citizenship
- Being more conscious about your own culture, and country

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