

Regional conference in North Rhine-Westphalia: Basic education in times of digital change

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The regional conference 'Basic education in times of digital change', which focused on digital media in basic education, took place in Hamm on 3 March 2017. Its aim was to increase the transfer of knowledge and information between regional as well as European driving forces and practitioners. The conference was organised by the Ministry for School and Further Education in the region of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Association for Adult Education Centres [Volkshochschulen] in North Rhine-Westphalia, the German Institute for Adult Education (DIE), the Agency for Quality and Support – Regional Institute for Schools (QUA-LiS NRW) and the National Coordination Point for the European Agenda for Adult Learning.

The conference focused on the following questions:

- How are digital media significant for literacy and for refugees learning a second language?
- Which learning settings and formats are important when using digital media in literacy work?
- How can the professionalisation of teachers be improved in the area of digitisation?

In addition to this, the conference also addressed the possibilities presented by the Erasmus+ programme with regard to mobility in adult education. Karin Kùßner, head of the 'Decade for Literacy' coordination office at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB) presented the 'Decade for Literacy' programme and talked about basic education in Germany, including current tasks and focal points. The German Institute for Adult Education provided information on research in the area of primary education and literacy as well as on the work of the European Basic Skills Network (EBSN) along with Bernhard Grämiger (director of the Swiss Federation for Adult Learning).