LIFELONG LEARNING ASCENT

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My responsibility for Lifelong Learning

- As a person, I am fully responsible for my own development.
- As a human being, I am fully responsible communicate, share and learn from the other ones.
- As a mother, I am fully responsible to know all answers.
- As a teacher, I am fully responsible to know how to learn and how to deliver.
- As a principal, I am fully responsible to know.

My Lifelong Learning objective

I must be able to learn and improve myself, as well as be able to apply and share my knowledge.

Lifelong learning is an endless trip starts with...



An Anatomy of Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning is typically characterized by...

Change in Values
Change in Expectations
Change in Behaviors

Lifelong Learning is more evolution than revolution!

Lifelong Learning Evolution



The core elements of the successful Lifelong Learning Evolution are:

- Self-learning, self-education
- Group learning, formal / in-formal education
- Training, continued /professional education

Continuing Professional Development – a focus on learning

Design and implement a personal continuing professional development plan:

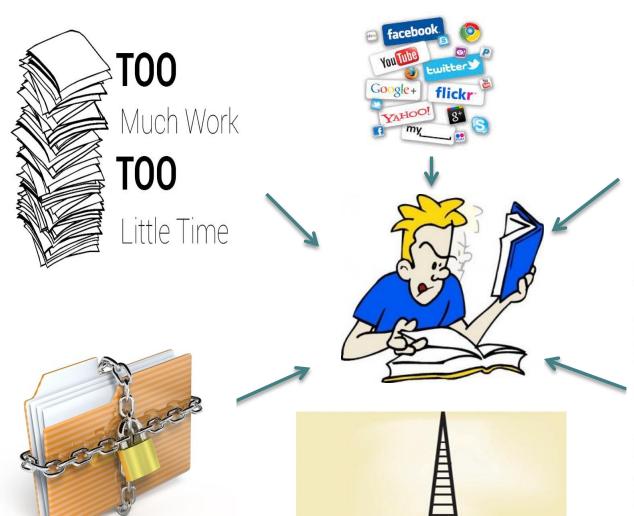
- 1. Across each dimension of professional practice
- 2. Relevant to multiple practice contexts
- 3. Responsive to the practice needs of the profession
- 4. Focused on outcomes!

Ops ... It's a VUCA world!

The new "normal" world is:

- **Volatile** (rapid advances in computing power, infotech growth, unprecedented access to knowledge, 24 hours news, Internet, reforms)
- **Uncertain** (the inability to know everything, the lack of predictability, variable and unstable conditions)
- Complex (the multiplex of forces, the chaos and confusion that surround us)
- **Ambiguous** (differences in interpretations, open to or having several possible meanings)

Learning in the VUCA world







Question to LIFE ...



Answer of LIFE ...

IT'S A QUESTION OF

LIFELONG LEARNING

As a conclusion...

- Lifelong Learning is key to success
- VUCA world is a reality
- Emerging future requires knowledgeable and capable people to prepare their organizations for deep transformation and continuous development
- The Lifelong Learning is a way to achieve the desired change

Always walk through life as if you have something new to learn and you will.

- Vernon Howard



My profile in brief

I work as a principal of Ninth Primary School in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from 1998. It is a general comprehensive school with 45 % of pupils from Roma minority and SEN ones. As a school manager I play the main role in finding solutions for providing better learning environment to all. With this shift in role focus, I currently play multiple roles: school leader, project manager, teachers' adviser and instructor, and the leader of school reform.

Education and training:

- 2014 Safety work conditions / Bulgaria/
- 2014 Equal opportunities in education through policy and consultation with local stakeholders / Belgium/
- 2014 System Leadership / Denmark/
- 2013 Professional portfolio /Bulgaria/
- 2013 Leaders in the system of education /Bulgaria/
- 2013 Understanding Diversity / Germany /
- 2013 German language course / Bulgaria/
- 2011 Leaders monitoring in Education / Bulgaria/
- 2011 "Insieme": Three Municipalities working together for one school /Italy/
- 2010 MOODLE at school: Efficient use of the course management system /Greece/
- 2010 Gender- Mainstreaming: How does school guarantee gender equality? /Germany/
- 2009 Host School / Bulgaria /
- 2009 ICT and school leadership /Bulgaria, England/
- 2008 Models of integration and support of disadvantaged and impaired children within the school system / Germany/
- 2008 Delegated budgets /Bulgaria/
- 2007 Innovations in Education / Bulgaria /
- 2007 Italian language course / Bulgaria/
- 2006 Formation and team work /Bulgaria/
- 2006 Budget, Projects, Management psychology / Bulgaria/
- 2005 Project management /Bulgaria/
- 2005 Learning Technologies in Education /Israel/
- 2005 Manager in Education (Master degree) /Bulgaria/
- 2003 Italian language course / Bulgaria/
- 2002 Using new technologies to improve teaching strategies /Italy/
- 2002 English language course /Bulgaria/
- 2001 Computing course / Bulgaria/
- 2000,1996, 1995, 1994 English language courses /Bulgaria/
- 1993 School management specialization / Bulgaria/
- 1990 Primary teaching (Master degree) /Bulgaria/

QUESTIONS?



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