

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 to 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.

LEARNING
&
DEVELOPMENT



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



T00

Much Work

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Little Time



Question to LIFE ...

How to find the



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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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