



Distance learning for severely disabled trainees Training seminar

16-17 October 2008, Heidelberg

Introduction

Obtaining an education is becoming more of a reality everyday for the millions of individuals living with disabilities. As computer technology becomes more and more accessible, so are many opportunities in education that were previously reserved only for those individuals with the ability to commute on a daily basis. Distance learning attempts to answer the needs for training and education by people with severe disabilities by providing more flexibility in education and training opportunities. For this reason, e-learning programmes have been increasingly developed during the last years and are now a used part of modern didactical concepts.

In the field of vocational rehabilitation and training, the definition of distance learning has been highly debated. The main concepts, as well as the benefits and obstacles of distance learning are still under discussion. During this training, the participants will get better insight in the theoretical approach to distance learning. They will also be provided with practical examples of innovative methodologies and tools used by the *Berufsbildungswerk Neckargemünd*.

Learning objectives

- Get an in-depth understanding of distance learning theoretical concepts, technical and didactical approaches
- Get trained on the distance learning methodology used in the centre Berufsbildungswerk Neckargemünd
- Get an overview of devices, softwares and tools which can be used in e-learning for people with disabilities
- Get in-depth information on The European Computer Driving License (ECDL), the European standard in end-user computer skills certification, and **CISCO Networking Academy**
- Discuss and share experiences on tools and factors of success by Distance Learning with handicapped people

Trainers

Ulf Kager, BBW Neckargemünd

Prof. Dr. Peter Baumgartner, Donau-Universität Krems

Example

Annemarie Corjanus is trainer at Bartiméus REA College, a leading organisation in providing services for blind and partially sighted people in the Netherlands.. She develops and carries out various training programs to support people with disabilities during their education or at work. The empowering approach of the client is at the core of her training. The objective of this approach is to coach the participant in making their own choices and finding their own answers to obtain a feeling of personal understanding and self-assurance.

Programme

The training will take place in SRH Berufsbildungswerk Neckargemünd (BBW) during 1.5 day.

Thursday 16 October

- 13.00 -13.30 Welcome and introduction
Jörg Porath, Director of BBW
- 13.30 – 15.00 E-learning: Pedagogical and technical approaches
Presentation and discussion with Prof Peter Baumgartner, Donau-Universität Krems
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30 – 17.30 Programmes and evaluation methodologies used in BBW
Workshops with Prof. Baumgartner and Manfred Weiser, Ulf Kager, Roland Ullmann from BBW
- 19.00 Dinner, followed by a guided sight-seeing-tour of the old city centre of Heidelberg

Friday 17 October 2008

- 09.00-10.30 Theoretical concepts and case studies
Presentation and on-line simulation with Roland Ullmann, Ulf Kager from BBW
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30 Usability and Accessibility : aspects of barrier-free internet
Presentation and discussion with Susanne Böhmig, Tjfbv, Berlin
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.00 Certification for service users and accreditation of training providers (ECDL and CCNA)
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-17.00 Successful tools and critical factors in distance learning for people with disabilities
Presentation and discussion with Bernd Karrasch, BBW
- 17.00-17.30 Remarks and conclusions
by Jörg Porath and Manfred Weiser, BBW