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"Building a Learning City: the case of Larissa"

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Summary

"Larissa Learning City" is the central title of an initiative undertaken by the Municipality of Larissa in March 2015 in collaboration with the Hellenic Adult Education Association. An action that refers to the UNESCO texts for cities that activate all possible sources at local level for social cohesion and sustainable development. Under the current socio economic circumstances in Greece, many underline - more than ever – the need for a political philosophy of equality, education and democratic participation. "Larissa Learning City" specifically encourages the dialogue between city stakeholders and active citizens to organize actions that support vulnerable social groups, but also motivate local society to be part of the exciting process of lifelong learning and personal development. The philosophy and actions, difficulties, and the great challenges of the venture for the future will be described in this symposium. Larissa is the first Greek city to join the UNESCO Learning Network and one of the 16 cities in the world to be awarded in September 2017 for their efforts in the field.

Keywords

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