

1st BIENNALE

2014, April 9 - 11
Rotterdam, the Netherlands

The **two-yearly** event on policy and practice of
 Validation of Prior Learning... **worldwide**

GOALS

- All you always wanted to know about Validation of Prior Learning (VPL) and the linkages of VPL to lifelong learning-strategies
- Knowledge exchange
- Networking
- Winning the Global VPL-prize 2014
- Teaming up for projects
- Debates on further development
- Market place for sharing knowledge & expertise

ORGANISATION

ALLinHE-network in Europe and the Republic of Korea

Recommended by:

RECLA Red de Educación Continua de Latinoamérica y Europa
EUCEN European Universities Continuing Education Network
NVL Nordic Network for Adult Learning
PLIRC Prior Learning International Research Centre
NL3H Dutch Network of Lifelong Learning Universities

TARGET GROUPS

Policy makers, stakeholders, teachers/trainers, researchers, developers and providers (assessors, managers, consultants)

Regional, sector-level, national and international policies & practices concerning VPL

and of course: the VPL-practitioners

DATE & LOCATION

April 9–11, 2014

Inholland University
 Posthumalaan 90
 Rotterdam, The Netherlands

EARLY BIRD

€375 FOR 3 DAYS
 including conference package (3 books, etc.), lunches, cultural event and an official dinner.

After March 2, 2014 = €450

www.vplbiennale.com

For:

1. Registration
2. Applying for your contribution (paper, workshop, round table, poster, market-place, VPL-café, etc.)
3. Nomination for VPL-prize 2014

Global VPL Prize 2014

The Validation Prize is the annual award, given to the most innovative and promising initiatives in the area of VPL. For nominating your practical example or case: see www.vplbiennale.com for the format.

WEDNESDAY

April 9, 2014

THURSDAY

April 10, 2014

FRIDAY

April 11, 2014

CONFERENCE

“VPL as the motor of social & economic change”

Keynotes, workshops, round tables, posters, VPL-prize

Themes: *The power of VPL, the roadmap of VPL, Linkages of VPL, Personalization of learning, Quality-assurance of VPL, Open & flexible learning, etc.*

Invitation for contributions:

VPL-Plaza : marketplace & VPL-Café

Make new contacts. Meet your partners at the VPL-Plaza. Team up for future projects in the VPL-café. Get free advice on VPL-design and -implementation

MISSION

of the 1st VPL Biennale 2014

VPL as the motor of more effective learning and working processes; all-inclusive for all citizens, regardless of status, gender, age, philosophy, special need, heritage and/or any other personal feature.

CONFERENCE

The VPL conference '**VPL as the motor of social and economic change**' concentrates on the broad picture of VPL in society. The impact of VPL on policy and practice within 'the worlds of learning and working' is the central focus.

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Register at www.vplbiennale.com

Contributions: see the Call at www.vplbiennale.com

VPL-Prize 2014

By highlighting and publishing best practices, the Global **VPL-Prize 2014** intends to contribute to changing society's mentality towards the awareness that learning also takes place outside of the formal structures and produces the same valued learning outcomes.

Inspired by **OBSERVATION**

Nominate at www.vplbiennale.com

VPL-Plaza

During the VPL Biennale there is a market place on the VPL-Plaza and the VPL-Café

Practitioners, researchers, schools, universities, NGO's and startups can meet and share experiences and knowledge.

Reserve your marketplace or time-slot at the café at www.vplbiennale.com

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VPL (or APL, APEL, RPL, VAE, PLAR, EVC, RPLO, VNIL, RVA) is crucial for ... linking citizens and their learning experiences effectively to national qualifications, ... strengthening their employability on the labour market, ... energizing their personal development and ... activating citizenship and volunteering.

Across the globe national governments, employers, trade-unions, social and volunteering organisations, schools, universities and others are putting a lot of effort in developing citizen-steered opportunities for Validation of Prior Learning on qualification, certification, employability, personal development and 'enjoyability'.

Crucial is the vision that it doesn't matter what, where or how you learned or achieved something; what really matters: are you aware of your learning results and of its value and can you prove it and use it for further learning, development or career-chances? With the 1st VPL Biennale on Validation of Prior Learning an important aim is to create a platform for policy makers, practitioners, users, researchers and other stakeholders that are interested in further developing/implementing VPL in their practices.

The 1st VPL Biennale is about sharing information, knowledge, ideas and visions on VPL and about the creative process of learning from each other's successes, problems and solutions in 'the VPL-world'. All forms for knowledge- and competence-exchange are offered: presentations, workshops, discussions, poster-sessions, marketplace, keynotes, round tables, advisory sessions, active on-line publishing, etc.

The 2nd VPL-Biennale in 2016 will be hosted by ... [to be announced in 2014]

