

Bringing to fore adult education and lifelong learning perspectives

Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC)

17-22 November 2015, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam



The Basic Leadership Development Course (BLDC) brought together 34 participants from 17 countries in the region to Ho Chi Minh City. The event was hosted by the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Lifelong Learning (SEAMEO CELLL).

The BLDC 2015 facilitated a co-learning process to build perspectives on adult education and lifelong learning in the context of the participants' areas of work in their organizations and countries. The learning process highlighted that leadership is about critical thinking and analysis that translates into action.

A crucial element of this BLDC was the formation of learning groups, which aided communication and articulation among the participants about their contexts and experiences. The participatory and experiential methodology employed for the BLDC sustained the momentum for co-learning throughout the duration of the Course.

The sessions on perspective development on regional adult education and lifelong learning were substantiated by site visits and interactions at the Community Learning Centre and Continuing Education Centre located in Ho Chi Minh City. It was a meaningful exchange as country perspectives and situations were shared and the educational context of Vietnam was appreciated. The inputs by Nazaret Nazaretyan, Senior Desk Officer for South East Asia, DVV International, on Resource Mobilisation and Uwe Gartenschlaeger, Regional Director, DVV International, on the European context of adult education and lifelong learning enriched the participants' knowledge and understanding. The input and the interactions with Kim Anh, national coordinator of the Vietnam Association for Education for All (VAEFA), built an understanding on the education advocacy initiatives by civil society organisations at the national level. A city tour of Ho Chi Minh City was organised to experience the rich culture and history of Vietnam

The six-day training culminated to an emotional conclusion with participants echoing their exponential learning through the various plenary sessions, group activities, and the consistent interaction among them.

The BLDC 2015 will continue for the next six months with the participants working on their action plans in an effort to apply the learning from the Course to their local contexts and organisational work.



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