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Did COVID-19 underline the need to teach seniors ICT skills?

Seniors learning ICT during COVID-19 pandemic

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The ICT for Seniors' Social Inclusion Project (2018-1-TR01-KA204-059175) was born from the need to support seniors' inclusion into society through digital means. The elderly population is on the rise in recent years but clearly, they lack ICT skills which may help them to keep up with the demands of modern society. A large proportion of the elderly population cannot use ATMs, follow information and news online, and benefit from services and systems that can make their lives easier.

COVID-19 pandemic hit the world halfway through the project. The pandemic, once again, proved the importance of ICT for this age group. All across the world, seniors had to stay indoors and were cut off from society for long periods of time. The ones with ICT knowledge and skills were able to communicate with their loved ones, order their supplies online and do online banking, to cite a few benefits. The seniors who had no or little, ICT ability were unable to socialize to desired or accustomed levels or had to depend more on others for their basic necessities. During the pandemic, the participating organizations identified the urgent need to familiarize seniors with ICT skills, not only for their inclusion but also to meet their daily needs.

We should support seniors' inclusion through society and inform them of training opportunities in our regions. We can share your time with seniors to teach them ICT skills or practice with them.

This will help make the world a better place for us all.



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