

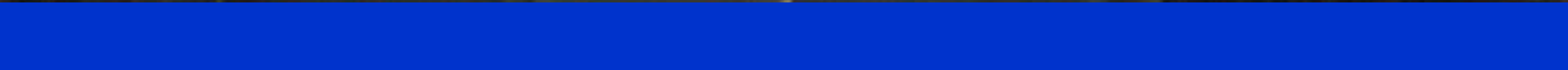


COMUNE DI ZOLLINO

**COMPUTER COURSE
ADULTS AND CHILDREN**









INTRODUCTION

An IT (Information Technology) Course 1st level has been held in the Elderly Centre in Zollino, according to the scheduled calendar and activities planned. People knew about this possibility thanks to posters, leaflets and by word of mouth.

There were 45 adults and 8 young men who took part to this experience; they were too many for one single course, that's why it has been useful to organize two different courses (one on Monday and Thursday, another on Tuesday and Friday, from 7 pm to 8.30 pm). It allowed a better and effective carrying out of the meetings.



PURPOSES

Our main purpose has been giving a basic knowledge to the elderly group, at least about some word processing applications, web, and mailbox's use. At the same time, 8 boys could work with a "tutor" role.



METHOD

The theory was immediately supported by practical experience, in this way the participants learnt quickly basic tasks and they could begin to work autonomously.

We worked gradually, with easy and clear explanations of everything; we repeated each operation and verified it step by step, so we could guarantee the necessary time to everyone, above all to people who never have used a computer before. We tried to create a quiet atmosphere, to stimulate a creative approach of research.





Tools: We gave, to every participant, electronic equipment of didactics, such as video and audio files, several folders, and paper cards to study.



ATTENDANCE

Few participants attended rarely; the greater part of them has been always present and this allowed a regular course's carrying out.



INTERACTION BETWEEN ADULTS AND YOUNG PERSONS

During the course, 4 young men were assigned to each group; they were trained to be able to help the teacher with their assistance.



Purposes of this activity were:

Improving the social relationship between adults and young men;

Promoting a knowledge's transmission among different generations, not only from adults toward young people, as it was already happened in the past, but also from young people toward adults;

Make our guys more regardful of rules.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVED OUTCOMES

Our old men often felt themselves as isolated elements in the society, because of their “disability” with computer and internet. This course has taught a basic knowledge about that and it encouraged an inter-generational dialogue.

At the beginning young persons, called nowadays “digital natives”, thought that also every adult can use a pc naturally, and it caused some difficulties, but thanks to their assistance’s work, they overcame these problems, they started to respect adults’ learning time and felt really involved anyway.

IN CONCLUSION

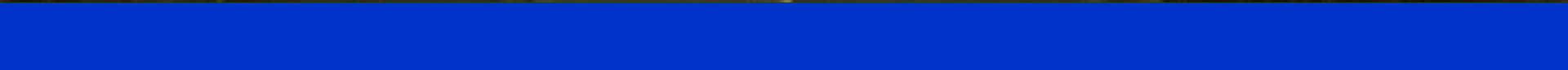
This first experience has been really positive. Old and young men attended regularly and they acquired basic competence to use various applications and internet, to manage files and electronic mail. Moreover their approach with a pc became sure and calm.













This good experience placed the possibility of other courses like this in the future.