According to forecasts of employment trends, skill requirements for jobs are increasing, whereas job opportunities for low-skilled and unskilled workers are facing a dramatic decline. Since learning has become a necessary precondition for successful employment, the concept of "self-directed learning" can be a solution for this dilemma.

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Generation 50plus – from the "have-beens" to the stimulus providers for economic developments

On 11 October 2006, our development partner HSM (Hessian Ministry of Social Affairs) jointly organized an event with the Rationalization and Innovation Centre of Hesse. The potential of the ‚Generation 50plus' as stimulus providers for economic developments was in focus. Target oriented learning strategies and the empowerment via self-directed learning were the topic of a round table talk.
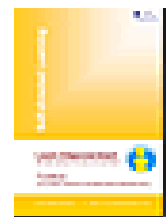

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The Learn.Empowerment – Toolbox is available for free download

The Toolbox describes self-directed learning as didactic concept as it has been jointly elaborated by the partners in this project.

- It reflects the situation and understanding of the partners and their ideas of teaching and learning on which this concept is based.

- It describes the organisational aspects of SDL, the role of the trainers as tutors and provides links to training material and further information.

- The concept of self-directed learning is illustrated by *cases of good practice.* These case studies also describe the spectrum of target groups and of methods in the context of implementation of self-directed learning.

It is available at: www.learn-empowerment.org/opencms/export/lemp/de/leftNav/English/download.html