



Study Tour from June 9h to 12th 2021 in Switzerland

## **HOW DEEP IS THE WATER AND WHY IS IT GOOD TO BE ABLE TO SWIM?**

Church-related Adult Education in the Digital Age



We look back to the beginning of the Corona crisis and rub our eyes. Many of us adult educators have been thrown into the cold water of digital change. If we were still able to run our courses and events at all, we usually had to switch to digital formats and maintain virtual contacts with the course participants. We may have recognised the possibilities offered by digital learning, but we may also be more convinced than ever of analogue formats because they allow us to meet each other in a more diverse and authentic way. Nevertheless, digital change is a fact and it has only just begun. How do we react to this new reality? Can we use the new possibilities to maintain our mission, maintain quality, and at the same time gain more reach with the new capabilities?

The study trip to Switzerland will address such questions. We will learn about new approaches in the digital world and new forms of communication. We will question and be challenged. And we will discuss the potential of digital change for adult education.

# PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

- Individual journey to Switzerland, to Kloster Kappel
- 05:00 pm Reception and Introduction  
*Dinner*
- Cultural Evening and Presentation of «plusbildung»**  
*Surprise Program for Night Owls*

## THURSDAY JUNE 10

- 07:30 am *Breakfast*
- 08:30 Morning Prayer
- 09:00 **General Assembly of EAEE**
- 10:15 Introduction to the topic by Rev. Walter Luessi, president of «plusbildung»  
**Digital helps, analog decides**  
Personal approach
- 11:30 Excursion  
**We get a glimpse of Swiss Clichés: Mountains, Cows, Cheese and Chocolate**  
Let us surprise you...

## FRIDAY JUNE 11

- 07:30 am *Breakfast*
- 08:30 Morning Prayer
- 09:00 **Expedition to an unknown World**  
Christian Sterzik, Executive Department Digitization, Protestant Church in Germany (EKD)
- 10:30 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 Plenary discussion with Christian Sterzik  
and Lessons Learned
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 02:00 pm **How does Adult Education change in Digital Times?**  
Thomas Schlag, Professor for Practical Theology with a focus on Religious Education, Church Theory and Pastoral Theology, Faculty of Theology of the University of Zurich
- 03:30 *Coffee Break*
- 04:00 Plenary discussion with Thomas Schlag  
and Lessons Learned
- 05:00 **Exchange among Members**
- 06:30 *Dinner*
- 08:00 **Stopover on the conference topic:** Church-related Adult Education in the Digital Age (moderated plenary discussion)  
*Surprise Program for Night Owls*

SATURDAY JUNE 12

- 07:30 am *Breakfast*
- 08:30 Transfer to Zurich
- 09:15 **Digital and Analog Learning meaningfully combined**  
Practical Insights: Co-Working Space, Blended Learning and a Digital Academy with Esther Derendinger and Dr. Stephan Jütte from the Reformed Church of the Canton of Zurich
- 11:00 **Closing Worship and Travel Blessings in the Grossmünster** in the Old Town of Zurich
- 12:00 *Lunch*  
with the Ambassador of the Swiss Reformation Jubilee, Pastor Catherine Mc Millan

#### MEETING PLACE AND ACCOMMODATION

The Study Tour 2021 will be accommodated in the «Kloster Kappel» in Kappel am Albis, close to Zurich. The former Cistercian monastery is owned by the Reformed Church of Zurich. Located in the countryside between Lake Zurich and Lake Zug, surrounded by forest, meadows and fruit trees, with a spectacular view over the Alps, it is indeed a very special place: The power of historic walls joins modern hospitality.

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Rev. Walter Luessi, president of «plusbildung» is looking forward to welcoming the members of EAEE in Switzerland. He has prepared interesting impulses and hopes for stimulating discussions and exchange.

«plusbildung – ecumenical network for adult education in Switzerland» is the umbrella organization of educational institutes and organizations from within the Catholic, Reformed Protestant, and ecumenical worlds. The connecting element is the church responsible and Christian-founded education for adults.

[www.plusbildung.ch](http://www.plusbildung.ch)

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## ORGANIZATION AND COSTS

A 390 € in a single room

B 330 € in a double room

All meals and other costs according to the program are included.

Please send your registration until April 14th, 2021 to [studytour@eaee.eu](mailto:studytour@eaee.eu)

Please note, cancellation after this date may be subject to charges.

Detailed travel information will follow your registration.

## REGISTRATION

Please use EAEE application form.

We hope to meet many of you in Switzerland.

With best wishes from the board of **EAEE** and from **plusbildung**



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