

Dear Colleagues,



As the newly elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, I would like to extend a warm and respectful welcome to all our readers.

It is my honour and privilege to serve the Hall of Fame community. Holding this position entails not only recognition but also a great deal of responsibility, which motivates and inspires me to continue my work with even more fervour and unwavering conviction for the benefit of the Hall of Fame. I wish to work to promote the growth and professionalism of the Hall of Fame, raise awareness of the values and achievements of adult learning, and recognize professionals who have excelled in the field of adult and continuing education.

Adult and continuing learning is one of the fundamental pillars of society, which is responsible for the continuous renewal and enhancement of the knowledge and competencies necessary for socio-economic progress. Economic growth and the acquisition of competitive knowledge, social inclusion, and the empowerment and equal opportunities of underprivileged groups are all inextricably related to the right to education. Everyone has the right to quality and inclusive education, training, and lifelong learning. To effectively adapt to the rapid changes and growth we encounter every day, we must ensure that all adults have at least equal opportunity for inclusive and equitable quality adult learning.

I am aware that not all social problems can be resolved by adult learning, however, it can be a powerful tool in initiating positive changes. It is widely accepted and has been demonstrated that learning creates opportunities and chances for adults to improve their lives and reduces poverty, helplessness and oppression. The inductees of the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame passionately support these concepts and objectives.

The newsletter's current issue is devoted to the recently inducted Hall members. The induction ceremony was held in Cork, Ireland, on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This event is always special. This year's event, where we welcomed 18 exceptional adult learning professionals from all over the world to the Hall, was once again an exquisite, magnificent, and uplifting occasion. It was wonderful to witness cultural diversity and varied approaches to adult and continuing education, as well as to meet distinguished colleagues who have devoted their professional life to adult education. I am convinced that the outstanding people inducted into the Hall will serve as role models for the next generation of adult education professionals and researchers due to their professionalism, commitment, and humaneness.

Congratulations to the new Hall members, and many thanks to the entire Hall team for their efforts in making the ceremony possible. Special thanks to our colleagues at the University College Cork who graciously hosted this year's induction.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend the latest issue of our newsletter to you. I hope you will read it with pleasure and pride. I encourage you to share it with your colleagues so that as many people as possible can become familiar with the fantastic community of the Hall of Fame, "where the spirit of learning is the lasting legacy".

My warmest regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Éva Farkas".

Éva Farkas

Chair, Board of Directors, IACE HOF