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11. It is not relevant to mention some awards from a long time ago. It can make impression that you have not accomplished anything impressive since that time.

Be carefull because every line counts. Take your CV as the opportunity to represent yourself.

## **New methodologies and new technologies in education**

Firstly, we need to know what is a teaching methodology and what are teaching technologies. A teaching methodology is an essentially the way in which a teacher chooses to explain or teach the material to the students, so they can learn the material. A methodology of teaching can include the use of lecturing, group or small group discussion activities and engaging students

as teachers for their peers. It is important to understand that a teaching methodology is not the same as an educational philosophy for a teacher though they can often be related. As for educational technology, it emphasizes communication skills and approaches to teaching and learning through the judicious use and integration of diverse media. Scholars in the field examine the uses of innovative media and technologies for education, examining all aspects from direct



student learning to management and impacts on institutions. As in all forms of applied technology, the field studies how theoretical knowledge and scientific principles can be applied to problems that arise in a social context. Practitioners in educational technology seek new

and effective ways of organizing the teaching and learning process through the best possible application of technological developments. These activities rely upon a body of knowledge for successful and ethical implementation, rather than routine tasks or isolated technical skills.

Educational technologies improve at an incredible rate each and every day. While a decade ago we only had paper, book, notebook and board; now we have a great number of tools to use for education such as smartboards, computers, laptops, projectors and etc. There is a lot of options to use in the classroom now. Teachers are learning how to use smartboards beneficially and try to make it common in many schools. Smartboards appeal to children's imaginations and their interests. Also there are tools like blogs, interactive websites, online applications that can be used in learning process. It is also same situation for the methodologies. For so many years we used "chalk and talk" methodologies and it is seen that it does not meet the needs of these days. There are a lot of researches going on in this field but it takes a lot of time to explain each of them. Now we will

only focus on three methodologies that we think as most useful ones. Here are three teaching methods that are making an impact: spaced learning, flexible Fridays and engagement. Spaced Learning is a learning method in which the condensed learning content is repeated three times, with two 10-minute breaks during which activities such as physical activities are performed by the students. At Flexible Fridays lessons a teacher try to help each student to study and

learn what is the most difficult for him/her personally. Under a new teaching method called "engagement" students are urged to engage with the real world, analyse everything that happens in different life spheres (not only internship but also economical, business, social spheres, etc.).

In conclusion, teachers and educators are trying to introduce these methodologies and technologies into their classrooms. New generation needs these technologies and methodologies because there are a lot of things to learn in today's world and it is time saving to use these tools. Now the lessons become more interactive, entertaining and beneficial.

# European Voluntary Service

European Voluntary Service (EVS) is the European Commission's project that allows a young person (18–30 years) to become a volunteer in another country for a specified period, normally between 2–12 months. The service activities can be, for example, in the field of environment, arts and culture, activities with children, young people or the elderly, heritage or sports and leisure activities.

Do you know how EVS happens step by step?

The first step of a prospective volunteer is to find and contact a sending organisation and together with them consult the database of approved hosts. All volunteers who have completed their EVS project are entitled to a certificate called a Youthpass signed by the Head of the Youth Agency. This certificate validates their period of voluntary service and provides details of the activities in which they were involved. Volunteers from the countries involved also have the possibility to benefit from the Youth initiative action, and get involved in other Community



programmes in general. In this process volunteers gain a lot of experience in many areas such as culture, language, traditions, comparing cultures, a different area of work, communication skills, job experience etc. You have two chances to have EVS. In the short term it is like a test drive for people who want to see whether or not s/he can do it because culture shock can happen and it can be hard for people to stay in another country, also some people cannot get used to it. From a different perspective, there is no fee so people with limited budgets can have the opportunity to go abroad and a great experience. We can tell briefly that volunteers work max 40 hours for a week and they have two days off in a month.

Do you want to know EVS from a person who did it?

In general meaning, people meet with a lot of new people and their whole life style changes dramatically also culture shock happens but there is a lot of good things also such as languages, friends, culture, cuisine, climate, traditions etc. In the process of preparing they have to get in touch with coordinating organizations, they take pre-arrival trainings with their sending organizations. They search online about the country, climate, language to have information about what is waiting for them. In terms of learning language, they have a contact with people from another country and it gives a lot of opportunities in many areas. They can learn about business, economy, psychology, job experience etc. It helps someone to develop personal and professional lives. Some people say there is not a lot of income, and it is true, but gaining such experience is more precious than money!