Employing practical digital approaches to develop an institutional pedagogical strategy for teachers

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- Our Vision
  - Omnia – the path to top competence

- Our Values
  - High appreciation of professional skills
  - Customer orientation
  - Responsibility
  - Social cohesion

- Our Strategies
  - Socially and Ecologically Responsible Development
  - Innovative Learning Solutions
  - Effective Regional Development
  - Effective Performance
Omnia in numbers…

- Students 40 000
  - In vocational education apr. 11 000
  - General upper secondary education
  - Liberal adult education

- Personell 850
  - Full-time teachers 2/3

- Our region
  - Capital region
  - Population is growing
  - SMEs at our focus
Digitalization at Omnia is…

- Pedagogically sound working methods and working tools
- Flexibility between formal, informal and nonformal learning
- Richness of learning materials with increased number of methods for creating and sharing content
- Systematic documentation of the learning processes to help with archiving, support memory and enhanced feeling of ownership
- Access to source of information and places where knowledge is constructed
## From Devices to Digitalization

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PROTESTING AGAINST NEW TECHNOLOGY - THE EARLY DAYS
Getting started

- Start with the management
- Find the teachers most interested in developing new approaches
- Do rapid pilots
- Collect student feedback
- Share, share, share…..
InnoOmnia, an entrepreneurial hub

#entrepreneurship  #learning-environments  #employment  #peer-learning
What is InnoOmnia?

- creates 21st century learning solutions and entrepreneurship together with local working life.
- offers training, rents workspace, but above all is a buzzing community of people with a passion for innovation & entrepreneurship.
- strengthens bridges between employers and VET students.
- aims at ensuring employability and successful careers and life paths for Omnia students.
Joy of learning and work

- Mix and match of skills and competencies
- Learning by doing, developing and exploring
- Community and sense of belonging
Aspasome: Customer Service in through role gaming

#structures #funding #pilots #community #change #teacher #PLE
Role game play that takes place in an imaginary departments store “Åhmans”

Teaches students customer service, basic operations of department stores / retails industry.

Now in its 5th round of gaming

Mostly used for training students with an immigrant background
SWAB, A gamified online learning environment for students and entrepreneurs

#entrepreneurship  #learning-environments  #gamification  #cross-level
Hmm... This company now has a boardgame. Yes, it should be online or an app... Our team will design the winning solution!

I'm playing AND studying! This is SWAB - slightly wacky business. A game where we solve real problems.

What are you doing? Are you playing some kind of a game or studying?

Wow, we are learning about real companies and their challenges. I'm looking forward to the next round. The CEO himself will do the brief.

In SWAB everyone wins! Students, teachers and the businesses. Why can't all learning be like this!

I have some great ideas and I'd like to learn more about business. Is there a deadline? Can I play too?

Of course! We already have teams from three schools. I'm sure we can beat the university team. We have such a great idea!

SWAB is an entrepreneurial game developed by Omnia, Laurea University of Applied Sciences and Kasavuori School.
Using digital badges for learning recognition

#learning-environments  #digitalisation  #mobile #technology #RPL  #PLE
Open badges

Learn anywhere, anytime, collect badges from everywhere and get your learning recognized even by peers!

What we did:
Together with our partners OAMK and HAMK created a gamified, online, virtual game for teachers’ professional development on ICT skills
- 50 badges created in 4 categories (ICT Tools for Learning, Pedagogical Models, Networks in Projects and Development, Enriched Learning)
- Over 1200 badges awarded to teachers in less than a year
Creating and organization wide pedagogical strategy for digitalization

#learning-environments  #strategy #pedagogy #capacity_building
Omnia strategy and vision for digitalization

According to our pedagogical strategy, we focus on digital knowhow in building innovative learning solutions and learning environments

Actions:
- We ensure good digital skills for all students
- We ensure that all departments prepare digital learning goals and determine the type and amount of required support
- We ensure all personnel have adequate digital skills
- The impact of the strategy and action points is measured on a regular basis
Next Steps…

- Increasing the amount of e-contents and e-offerings
- Describe the digital competences required in all positions within the organization and offer support to enhance the skills of the personnel
- Training of pedagogical Digital Coaches (Train the Trainer model)
- Continued work on the pedagogical digital sharing platform

- And look at the future: Robotics and Virtual Realities are coming, how do we embrace them in the best possible way to serve our students?
THANK YOU!

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