The Linguistic Integration of Adult Migrants

Topics for discussion - day 2

Three more challenges

- Evaluating effectiveness and impact
- We have the stick. Now where is the carrot?
- After courses, what then?

Evaluating effectiveness and impact

- Defining what we mean by 'integration'
- Gauging the impact of courses and assessment on integration:
 - Formal recognition of learning and attainment
 - Access to the labour market
 - Social cohesion, etc

Incentivising migrants to take advantage of the training

- Getting migrants to fully engage with the provision for them (p.14)
- Maintaining motivation and participation (p.14)
- Reaching out to more migrants
 - long term residents
 - those who are hard to reach
 - etc

After courses, what then?

- Understanding the limits of formal learning
- Preparing for and providing other routes to and resources for informal learning
 - Facilitating access to social groups and support networks for social interaction
 - Working with mentors and peers
- Involving other stakeholders in the integration process, e.g. employers, neighbours, etc

Overarching issues

- Evaluating policy and provision from an ethical and human rights perspective (p.4)
- Making best use of new learning technologies and environments – and understanding their limitations