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**Literacy Education in Prison:
Policies, Practices, Ethnographies of a 'Third Space'
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keywords for today

literacy
to support
employability

embedding
literacy
in content subjects
&
education activities

workplace literacy



literacy education in prison

working definition

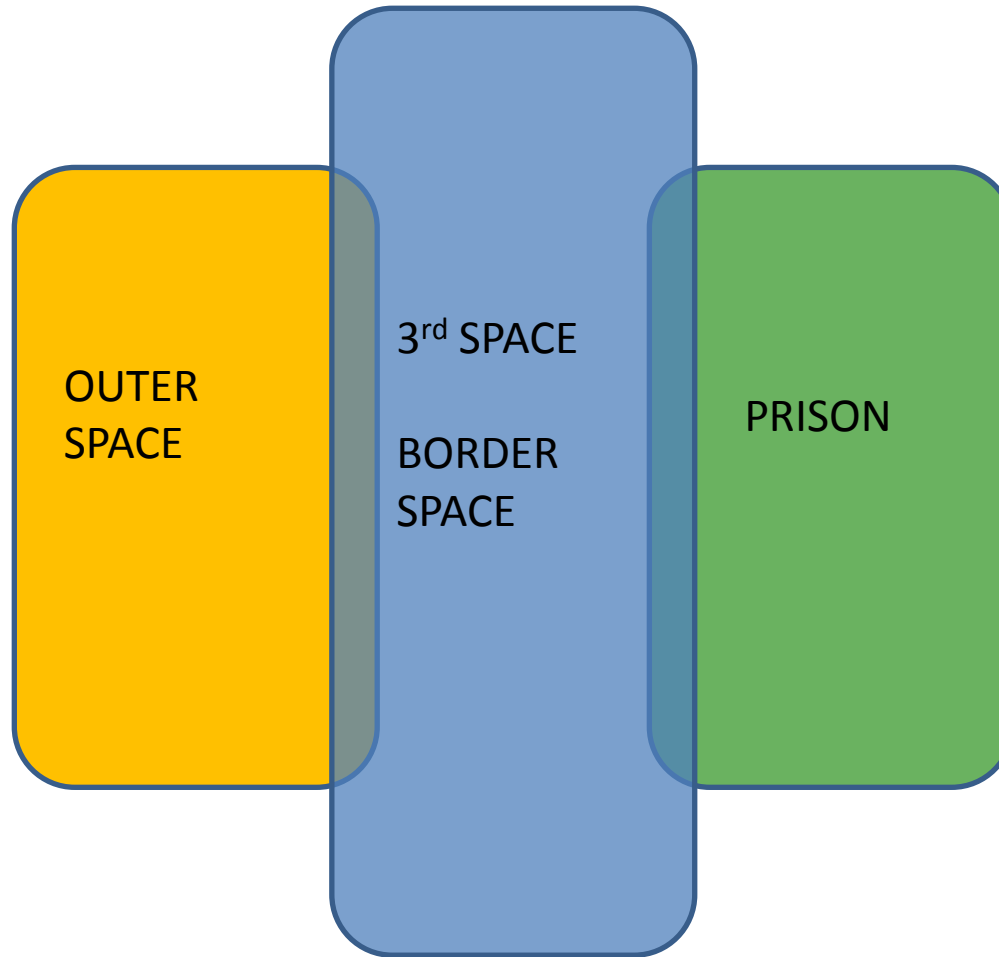
Literacy as

‘the ability to read, write, use numbers, to manipulate information, to express ideas and opinions, to take decisions and solve problems, as family members, as **EMPLOYEES**, as citizens and as individuals that are lifelong learners’

(Scottish Governement definition quoted in Tett, Hamilton, Hillier, 2006:46)



literacy...border space



literacy is a pre-requisite for employment

EUROPE 2020....STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT FOR DECADE TO 2020

...seeks to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth

....one of the focuses of Europe 2020's 'smart growth' priority is education, including literacy, while **the 'inclusive' growth priority focuses on promoting high employment and reducing social exclusion, both of which are affected by literacy**

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EUROPE 2020....STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT FOR DECADE TO 2020

...better literacy is a key enabler for reaching the goals of the flagship initiatives

'youth on the move' seeks to help **better equip young people for the job market** – which includes boosting the literacy of the less skilled – and to improve their education and training levels

'agenda for new skills and new jobs' includes **literacy as an important part of the right mix of skills needed for success in the future labour market**

'digital agenda for Europe' recognises the role of digital literacy for empowerment and participation in the digital era

'European platform against poverty and social exclusion' proposes the development of innovative education for deprived communities to help lift them out of poverty and social exclusion

employability ...social dimension

- high levels of re-offending are very costly to society
- the provision of education is one of the measures
 - ✓ that reduces youth re-offending
 - ✓ that turns offenders from crime and into work
 - ✓ that improves their skills
 - ✓ that encourages them to lead productive lives in their communities

see

2005 *Improving the literacy and numeracy of disaffected young people in custody and in the community*

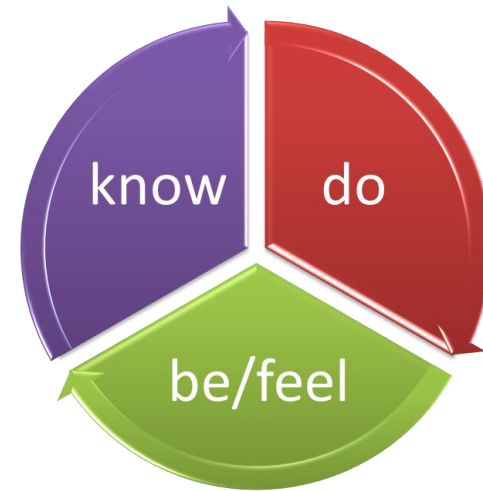
2010 *Engaging Homeless people, Black and Minority Ethnic and other priority groups in Skills for life* www.nrdc.org.uk

2005 green paper of the British Government, *Reducing Re-Offending through skills and employment: Next Steps*

employability

....a set of personal traits,
behaviours,
competences and basic skills
essential for individual
to find and secure employment
and to progress in the workplace

pursuing employability



competences

transferrable

job specific

personality traits & behaviours,
personal management skills

see Brunello & Schlotter, 2011

pursuing employability



personality traits & behaviours
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AGREEABLENESS

co-operation, kindness to others

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

follow rules, keeping engagements

EMOTIONAL STABILITY

self-confidence, calmness

AUTONOMY

initiative, control

EXTROVERSION

relate to others, communicate

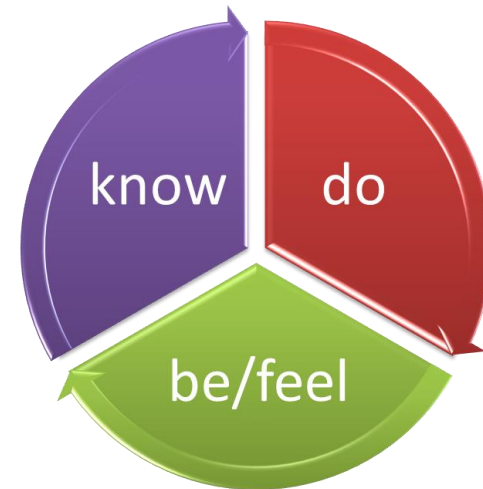
pursuing employability

TRASFERRABLE COMPETENCES

managing information
communication
using numbers
teamwork
solving problems
...

JOB SPECIFIC

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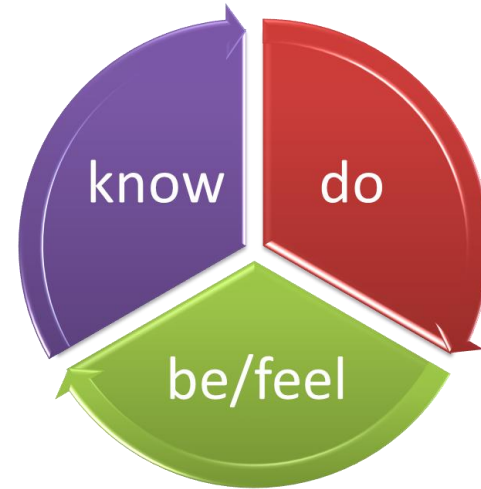


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How can you help?

embedding literacy

... in education

...in vocational training

...in teaching different subject: languages,
Maths

embedded literacy education refers to a particular kind of teaching that focuses not only on a certain specific subject but also, explicitly, is concerned with developing literacy skills (QIA, 2009).

Embedded teaching and learning combines the development of literacy, language (ESOL), and numeracy with vocational and other skills. The skills acquired provide learners with the confidence, competence and motivation necessary for them to succeed in qualifications, in life and at work (Skills for Life Strategy Unit, U.K., 2000).

embedding literacy

have you done it?.....how can you do it?

embedding literacy

have you done it?.....**how can you do it?**

e.g. CLEANING INDUSTRY



literacy...a situated practice

Literacy is primarily something people do; it is an activity, located in the space between thought and text. Literacy does not just reside in people's heads as a set of skills to be learned, and it does not just reside on paper, captured as texts to be analysed. Like all human activity, literacy is essentially social, and it is located in the interaction between people. This book is a study of what people do with literacy: of the social activities, of the thoughts and meanings behind the activities, and of the texts utilised in such activities. It is about how a particular group of people use reading and writing in their day-to-day lives. Of necessity, the book is particular; it sets out from individual people's lives and particular literacy events at a certain point in history. At the same time, it is also about the general nature of literacy and about the state of literacy in the world at the end of the twentieth century. This book explores contemporary uses and meanings of literacy in everyday life and the ways in which these are changing. It is based