

# Developments: The struggle for recognition of adult education

Adult education in Georgia has undergone only slight changes in the last year. Although a reform in 2019 recognised learning outcomes achieved in non-formal education, certification remains a major obstacle to popularising adult learning and education across the country.

The situation of adult education in Georgia has slightly improved in the last year. There are no new policies in place and there have only been small changes in the adult education sector. In 2019 the Georgian government approved a reform that recognised learning outcomes which have been achieved within non-formal education. Although many adult learning and education (ALE) providers acknowledge this as an important first step, there is still a long way to go until adult education receives appropriate recognition in Georgia. In Georgia civil society is rarely consulted in policy making. The Georgian Adult Education Network (GAEN) is not aware of any new initiatives for the Sustainable Development Goals that were implemented in the last year.

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## Challenges: More adult education centres for Georgia

Many of the activities were transferred to online platforms and some of the centres were

able to continue providing education, adapting to the government measures.

In 2021 the focus of the GAEN will be to popularise and promote the recognition of non-formal adult education. They also want to focus on the institutional development of GAEN member centres across Georgia, which could make adult learning more accessible on the local level. GAEN would like the Georgian government to adopt a law on adult education to enable adult education providers to issue state recognised certificates for learning.

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