

Information literacy and **Lifelong Learning**

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What is Lifelong Learning?

- The "ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated" pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons.
- A form of self-initiated education that is focused on personal development.
- It not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, but also self-sustainability, as well as competitiveness and employability.

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Key checklist for Lifelong Learning

- Voluntary
- Self-motivated or self-initiated
- Doesn't always require a cost
- Often informal
- Self-taught or instruction that is sought
- Motivation is out of personal interest or personal development

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Nature of Relationship

- IL and lifelong learning has strategic, mutually reinforcing relationship with each other
- Critical to success of every individual, organization, institution, and nation-state in info-age.
- Harnessed to work symbiotically and synergistically with one another for successful survival and having a competitive advantage.

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Interrelations of IL and life long learning

Both are largely

- Self-motivated and self-directed.
- Self-empowering
- Self-actuating

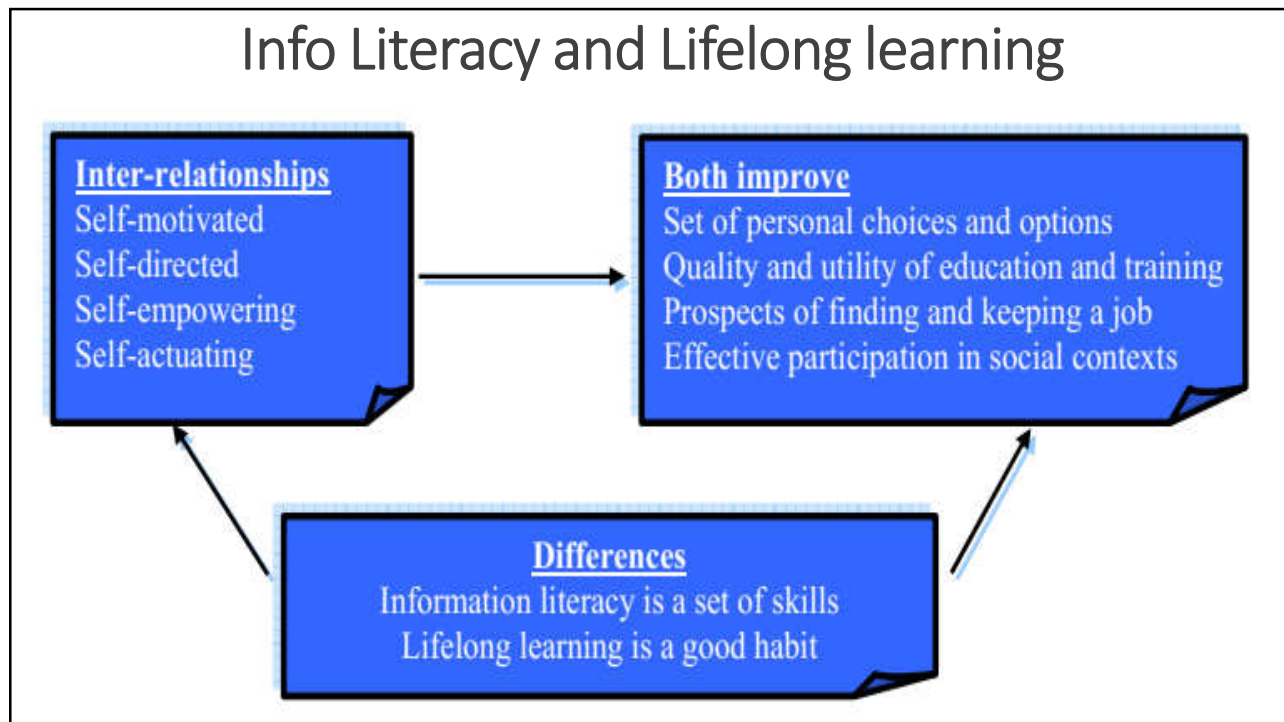
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IL and life long learning

Information literacy and lifelong learning substantially improve, if harnessed together, the:

- Set of personal choices and options opened up for, and offered to, an individual in the context of personal, family and societal matters.
- Quality and utility of education and training in both formal school settings preceding entry into the workforce, and later in informal vocational or on-the-job training settings.
- Prospects of finding and keeping a satisfying job and moving up the career ladder rapidly and with appropriate rewards, and making cost-effective and wise economic and business decisions.
- Participation of the individual effectively in social, cultural and political contexts, both at the local community level and at higher levels, and in identifying and fulfilling professional goals and aspirations.

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