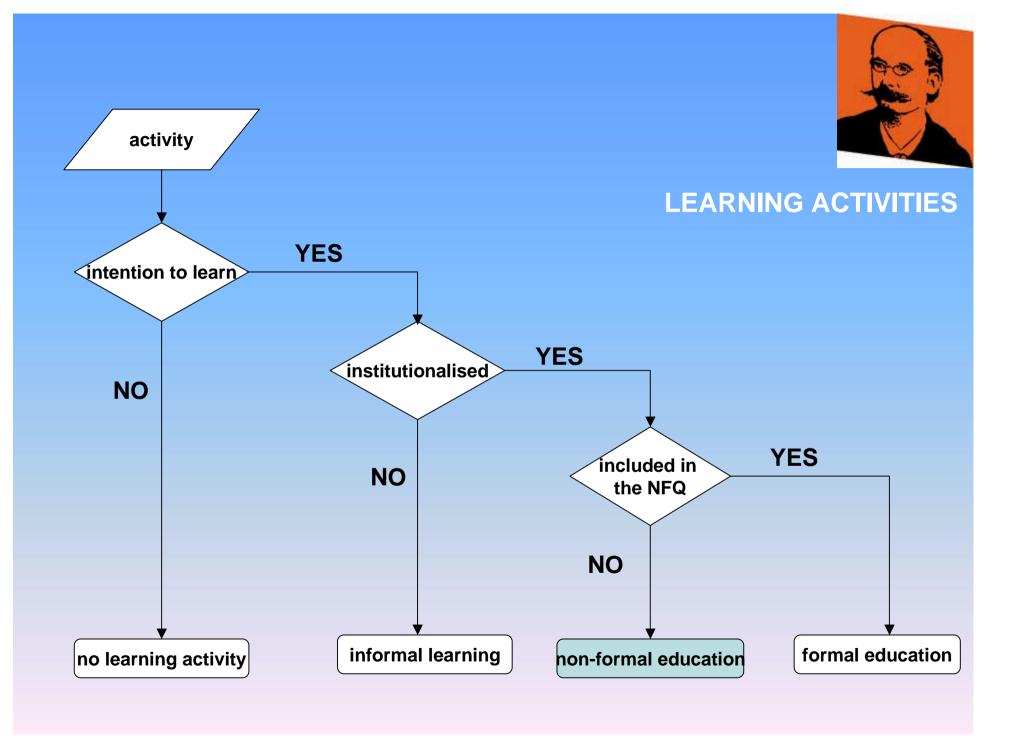
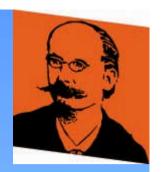


# The national Dutch federation of "volksuniversiteiten" established in 1918

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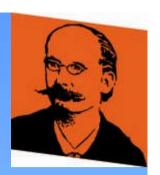
#### NON FORMAL EDUCATION: EUROPE

- ►EU: Memorandum on Life Long Learning (2000)
- **▶** Lissabon
- **▶** Grundtvig



## NON FORMAL EDUCATION in the Netherlands: WHO, WHAT & WHERE

- ► WHO 40% (3.000.000) of the adult Dutch population
- ► WHAT sports, leisure, arts, computer related and languages
- ► WHERE i.e. volksuniversiteiten (250.000)



#### (just enough) HISTORY

- ► Started at the begin of the 20th century on Scandinavian and British example by Prof Steinmetz
- ► Access for all to science
- ▶ "Volk" in three meanings:
  - ♦ the nation (national dimension)
  - ◆ the common people (social dimension)
  - ◆ the non educated (cultural dimension)
- ► Learning as a good way to use your free time



#### **VOLKSUNIVERSITEITEN TODAY in figures**

- ▶ 95 volksuniverstiteiten
- ► 200.000 participants
- ► 6000 teachers
- ▶200 staff members (payed)
- ▶5000 volunteers
- ▶20 million euro turnover



#### **VOLKSUNIVERSITEITEN TODAY in ideas**

- ▶open for all: an old idea a new dimension
- **▶** the needs of continuous renewal
- ► the needs of the society (see next)
- ►a new approach (see soon)



#### **VOLKSUNIVERSITEITEN TODAY:** the new approach

- **▶** cooperation on local and national scale
- ► the changing scale in information and education
- ► the influence of the new media



### **National government support:**

