

Adult Educator Community (AEC)

Learning Journey

Classroom of the Future, COTF3.0

On 28 January 2015, the AEC embarked on a Learning Journey to the Classroom of the Future (COTF3.0) at the National Institute of Education. It was an eye-opening experience for the 18 participants who get to be exposed to different learning scenarios and simulations enabled by prevailing social media, internet and mobile technologies in Singapore.

COTF3.0's theme is "Seamless Education, Global Classroom". It aims to showcase how emerging technologies such as visual-scenario and multi-sensory simulation, collaborative gaming and seamless multi-modal inputs, are able to engage students in future learning.

COTF3.0 clearly demonstrated the significant in-roads made into the education landscape via technology. Today students can learn from anywhere and teacher can teach from anywhere. Resources, such as videos, documents, audio podcasts or interactive images can be put online for students to use. Moreover, experiments normally conducted in a real lab can now be done on virtual lab using online computer simulation packages. There is also a massive amount of resources online that students can find and use themselves, without the help of the teacher. Adult learners will certainly reap great benefits from all these developments.

This AEC Learning Journey in fact complemented 2 talks in 2014 under the AEC Sharing series which touched on Flip Classroom, as well as Trends, Tools and Technologies in Adult Education.

Keeping pace with the rapid rate at which technology is evolving today is a challenge to be future-proof. But there is no turning back; we must simply adapt to the changes happening around us. It thus imperative adjunct lecturers should be aware how technology has been harnessed for effective use in adult education. AEC will continue to facilitate this endeavour.



Participants of the AEC Learning Journey on 28 January 2015 posing for a group photo before going into the Classroom of the Future (COTF 3.0) for a guided tour. COTF 3.0 is a collaboration project between NIE and IDA to showcase how emerging technologies can be harnessed to engage students in future learning.



Deputy Principal (Technology & Industry) Mr Lim Peng Hun and Director (PACE) Mr Suresh Punjabi also joined the adjunct lecturers in the AEC Learning Journey. COTF 3.0 must have had generated considerable thoughts and reflection, as can be seen above where Mr Lim was engaged in deep discussion with some of the adjunct lecturers after the guided tour.