

Usage of the information and communication technology among the older people

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Abstract

With the process of globalization and the constant progress of people, especially in the technological aspect, we have a situation that population familiar with all technological possibilities is getting older. Part of the reason for that is the principle of lifelong learning and the fact that we live in a digital age, where many things can be done using information and communication technology. Furthermore, gerontology is a discipline which studies boundaries and opportunities of education of elderly people, who are more and more forced to learn and use information and communication technology. One of the global communications phenomenon is the appearance of social networks on the Internet, and elderly people in the last few years started to use them more. It is very interesting to study and compare differences in communication in the past and now, because things changed a lot in very short term. The goal of my research is to draw conclusions about usage of information and communication technology of elderly people. I gathered necessary data for my research by conducting a survey among elderly people. Conclusions about research are mainly about the time they spend using information and communication technology, for what purpose they use it and how it affects their life.

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