

Education in the future

Most of us were involved to education at some point of our life; normally we've been at school or universities - some kind of formal education environment. We often think we know what education means and we understand a lot of terms and ideas of it. The education in its common definition is the process of getting knowledge and skills through different learning styles. The learning methods, used by traditional schools are mostly "auditory": students are required sit quietly and listen to instructions.

However, it becomes more popular in nowadays to get education outside of traditional area. There are several educational forms that in my opinion will be prevailing in the future: e-learning and non-traditional education.

It seems to me that in 21st century, the centaury of technologies, open education and e-learning dominate. During school time it is not so obvious, because teachers are caring about you and answering your questions. Contrariwise, the learning style in university is totally different because question-answer system doesn't work with amount of students like twenty thousands. I have faced with such a problem at the first semester of my 1st year when one of the teachers just refused to explain me my mistakes and her answer on my question "why?" was to look for it in the Internet. After thinking about it for a while, I realized that she was right somehow. Nowadays e-learning is a key of faster learning at reduced costs. For example, if you are not satisfied with a method of teaching at your university or school, you can just find a better explanation via virtual learning platforms. To prove it many top universities are now offering free or almost free online courses and some open universities even offer conventional degrees. This gives a large opportunity for students from developing countries to participate at lectures of professors from universities such as Harvard, MIT and Berkeley. E-learning has endless list of advantages like availability at any time

and any place, group collaborations, new educational strategies, and the last but not least it supports students' requests. Nevertheless, e-learning still concedes to traditional education for the reasons as trust in old systems and fear of change. Moreover, Internet is simply not accessible for everyone and this is main issue for today.

To continue my idea about several educational forms, I also believe in alternative education and informal learning, as it has more creative ways to catch people's attention. Today many children think that learning is boring; therefore pulling them to traditional education with all its specified curriculum makes them dislike it even more. It's entirely different situation with alternative studying as the main pro of it is variety of learning modalities that are not used by others schools. The methods in non-traditional education firstly based on certain principles of children's development and so that the following methods are obtained: visual, kinesthetic, interpersonal and intrapersonal. Using alternative styles of teaching develop important skill for future generation such as creativity; collaboration; adaptability; accessing, analyzing and synthesizing information. As example, there are thousands of TEDx talks by teenagers about technologies and advantages alternative education. The most inspiring talk that I have heard was given by 13teen years boy about Hackschooling. According to his talk creativity is as important as literacy and we should treat it as same studies.

To sum up, we often follow the same way in our education, the safest one but with a lot of boundaries. However, now there are much more opportunities; limits of what we can learn are unlimited. We just need more innovators, people who challenge and change the system to make it different, to make it better. Thus, I really believe that in 10 years we will find the best way to combine all pros of any educational systems together, that will drives a change in humanity.