

Beijing Institute for the Learning Society

Introduction

Orientation

Beijing Institute for the Learning Society (BILS) was co-founded by Beijing Normal University and the Beijing Municipal Government. BILS will focus on the practicalities of constructing Beijing as a learning city, integrating research resources not only from universities in Beijing but also from all over the world, searching for the information the world over, solving practical problems, exploring innovative methods, summarizing educational law, providing policy consultation, promoting communication and cooperation, cultivating professional development and leading the progress of practice. BILS hopes to become a high-end open research platform that will be able to make great contributions to the world, combining the functions of scientific research, policy consultation, personnel training, training service and more.

Philosophy

open, collaborative, rigorous, innovative

Goals

Taking advantage of its superiority of geographical location and the fully support from the Beijing Municipal Government, BILS aims to carry on the centuries-old academic accumulation of Beijing Normal University, in 3 to 5 years, we strive to be:

- an academic center in the field of lifelong learning
- a policy consulting center for the construction of a learning city
- a professional training center in the field of lifelong learning
- a service center for the construction of a learning city

Scientific Research

Through its studies on current major issues in practice and principle related to the construction of a learning city, BILS has devoted itself particularly to providing policy advisory service for central and local governments, summarizing Chinese experiences of the construction of the learning society, and

continuing to publish research reports and academic work on lifelong learning.

Main research areas are as follows:

- Lifelong learning literacy
- Strategies for constructing a learning city
- Lifelong learning index of a learning city
- Theoretical infrastructure of lifelong learning

Personnel Training

BILS intends to integrate policy consultation, academic research, and practical experience into an innovative scheme for talent development. BILS will recruit graduate students and PhD students to work on the project, based on project needs, with the additional goals of encouraging students to consider the practicalities of constructing a learning city, motivating them to master the law and enhancing their ability to solve practical problems, with the ultimate goal of developing more talented experts in this field. Towards this end, BILS will take into consideration the need for employees' professional development, designing training courses for employees, adopting a variety of teaching methods and conducting multi-level training.

Communication & Cooperation

BILS hopes to hold academic conferences both nationally and internationally to enhance exchange on experiences and achievements in constructing a learning city. BILS also plans to make use of means such as project bidding, project cooperating and joint declaration to establish bridges between districts, organizations and scholars. In addition, BILS will also construct a bilingual website (Chinese and English), print brochures and publish academic works, with the goal of sharing innovative experience more widely and furthering its impact..

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