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Future Guidance

Future guidance: a key strategy to steer change towards promoting the individual and sustainable and inclusive communities.

What prospects for education, economy, labour, environmental and social sustainability?

Introducing the topic of guidance from an educational and social perspective implies a contextualisation concerning the time we live in, often referred to as a time of complexity. Our society is experiencing, on a global level, an epochal transition, which is expressed by the crisis of our system of life and the awareness of a persistent transition resulting from the fall of the system of values and certainties that in the past had sustained the progress of societies and the personal life of citizens. A clear consequence can be seen in the spread of strong individualism, to the detriment of the values of being and feeling part of a community, and as a consequence of the strong impact of technologies and socials in everyone's life.

The challenges of the current century are leading to changes and transformations in labour market demands, with profound consequences on future career design processes, especially among younger people (Santilli et al., 2023).

Saadia Zahidi, General Director of the World Economic Forum, stated in the Future of Employment Report 2023 that "for people around the world, the past three years have been full of upheaval and uncertainty for their lives and livelihoods, with the Covid-19, geopolitical and economic changes, and the rapid advancement of AI and other technologies now threatening to add further uncertainty." He adds that governments and businesses must support the transition to future jobs by investing in education, retraining and social support structures to get through this difficult phase.

It is clear that we are facing a real 'educational emergency', as stated by the President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi, speaking at the conference entitled 'Educare-Formare le giovani generazioni oggi' (Educating-Forming the young generations today), Bologna, April 2023. This is an emergency highlighted by the situations of malaise and fragility that affect young people, who experience first-hand the weight of the uncertainty of the times. Many recent studies insist on the vulnerability and uneasiness of our young people. In our country, there are 2 million young people with neuropsychic disorders of the developmental age, about 3 million with eating disorders, about 100,000 'hikikomori' in social withdrawal, 500,000 adolescents addicted to online gaming, 100,000 young people who drop out of school every year ... (cf. Save the Children report on educational poverty 2022 and VITA magazine report, May 2023, Burnt youth: how to respond to the suffering of a generation). These situations of psychosocial distress are associated with the difficulty of imagining life projects that are functional to one's own well-being and then impact the social and labour inclusion of these fragile social groups.

Educational guidance strategy for the future.



According to the Council of Europe Recommendations of 2004 and 2008 on lifelong guidance, this constitutes a strategic lever for training the citizens of the future. The European Training Foundation (EFT), in its report *Trends and Innovation in Career Guidance*, states that quality career development and guidance services should be seen by governments as a strategic policy measure and as a way to tackle inequalities, which represent a strong element of criticality and weakness.

Guidance also plays a strategic educational function in forming the new generations and has an irreplaceable and almost providential role at this precise moment in history. Its function has changed over time, following the evolution and changes in society and the economic world. It has changed to adapt to the evolution of times and social contexts, transforming itself and assuming the connotation most consistent with the current situations. Savickas, with the theory of Career construction (2005 and 2014), and Guichard, with that of Life construction (2005 and 2013), introduce the definition of guidance as career counselling and life designing, a conception that aims to support and guide the person to realise their own life project, both in the professional and personal field, reaffirming its centrality in the current socio-economic context. Although these approaches emphasise the value of individual action, given the changes in recent decades, the same authors and others (Guichard, 2018; Nota et al., 2019; Zammitti et al., 2023) highlight the importance of looking at issues of inclusion and sustainability. Indeed, it is important to consider global challenges and the need to promote a career planning process capable of contributing to the construction of inclusive and sustainable future contexts (Di Maggio et al., 2020). This trend of promoting individual and systemic actions in favour of sustainable and inclusive development encompasses elements that benefit the whole society and the quality of life of its people (Callens and Meuleman, 2017; Santilli et al., 2023). Moreover, all this translates into a focus on global challenges for the future and well-being of the next generations, as highlighted in the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals. In this vision, the central role of guidance in the educational and social field emerges as career education, not only to manage transitions, which are a phase of the process, but for its strong value in the formation of the citizens of the future, through the development of guidance skills, so that they are ready/able to face the challenges of tomorrow and capable of not succumbing in the face of the difficulties and complexities of personal, social, economic and professional life.

The educational role of guidance is also reaffirmed by the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Education and Merit (Ministerial Decree no. 328 of 22/12/2022, Guidelines for permanent orientation), which also introduced the figure of the guidance tutor in secondary schools with targeted projects, supported by PNRR resources, and to prevent school drop-out and abandonment. It should be emphasised that guidance, as a key strategy to drive the change, requires a strong investment in the training of the various professional figures through the acquisition and strengthening of specific technical skills, as well as the development of the social network, i.e. of an effective integrated guidance system between the subjects and institutions involved, which follows the person at every stage of life and favours the connection between society, work and education. From an institutional and systemic perspective, this must also be supported by precise policy measures for inclusion in the world of work (such as effective active employment policies) that also include social and labour market players. The current complexity, but also the fragility that runs through people's lives at all levels in the current historical moment, call for a reflection that, starting from the critical elements detected, brings out possible professionally developed, innovative and/or creative paths to help create a culture of



community and inclusiveness for the humanising transformation of the current socio-economic system.

Based on these reflections, the Journal intends to collect theoretical-empirical contributions aimed at identifying the motivations, tools and ways to drive change in society by intervening in the training, education and activation of the psychosocial resources of the citizens of the future.

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- Italy between demographic decrease and resumption of emigration to other European countries: what future for young people and what political strategies?
- Guidance in the Italian educational system: the state of the art between theory, regulations and empirical evidence. A possible connection between primary, secondary, and tertiary education and life-long learning.
- Relations between the world of education and work: what are their respective roles and possible cooperation for guidance?
- Guidance as a strategic policy measure: the need to invest in training at several levels and in all sectors, involving institutions and social actors to implement a new and different cultural model.
- Cultural prerequisites and pathways to overcome the traditional fragmentation of
 interventions and create an integrated and networked guidance network, involving
 the various players of the Italian social context in a shared planning between
 families, schools, universities, enterprises, the third sector, and dedicated
 services.
- Guidance paths in schools: theoretical assumptions, methods and tools in transversal and disciplinary fields. What areas of development for strengthening key competencies are relevant for orientation?
- What are the possible shared paths of a culture of legality, participation, socio-political commitment and voluntary work (*service learning*) in the realisation of an guidance curriculum?
- What role could educational guidance, aimed at giving meaning and a project to one's life, play in the face of the phenomena of school drop-outs, social withdrawal and the growing manifestations of unease among adolescents and young people? Theoretical perspectives, empirical evidence and experiences.
- Impact evaluation of youth policy and guidance.
- What interventions, skills, and innovations can the disciplines (pedagogical, psychological, sociological, legal, economic, technical, etc.) bring to the guidance process today with a view to functional multidisciplinary integration?
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