



IRMGARD

APP SPECIALISED FOR ADULT LITERACY

The German education system places great importance on literacy skills. Regardless, there are still 7.5 million adults with only elementary reading and writing skills - despite having a school-leaving qualification. As this topic is considered shameful, many illiterate adults do not want to take up the offer of reading and writing courses at adult education centres. The fear of being discovered is simply too great.

We have joined in with this venture. IRMGARD will be an app to help adults learn to read and write. It is conceived for smartphones with Android and will be offered free of charge. IRMGARD will be the first app developed to raise the literacy levels of adults.

As an app, the advantage of IRMGARD is that the user can learn to read and write.

- quickly (computer not necessary),
- in a short space of time (during a train journey),
- without being noticed and
- using multimedia (video, sound, animated)

Why IRMGARD?

Irmgard Schwiderski is responsible for the conception and pedagogical development of the content.

She is a retired head teacher who passionately devotes herself to teaching illiterate adults the German language by developing reading, writing and speaking exercises.

The content of the IRMGARD app was developed and tested with illiterate adults.

Current status of the project:

The funding for Level 1 has been secured through the support of Veolia, Level 2 through the support of Deutsche Telekom. We will start the implementation for the app in January 2016. We are still looking for donations and sponsors for levels 3 – 9.

