



Computer learning for seniors

- prevent dropouts from society
- find alternative ways in teaching ICT
- secure the basic ICT skills for all citizens
- develop one's own skills by tutoring in ICT classes

Geronet courses

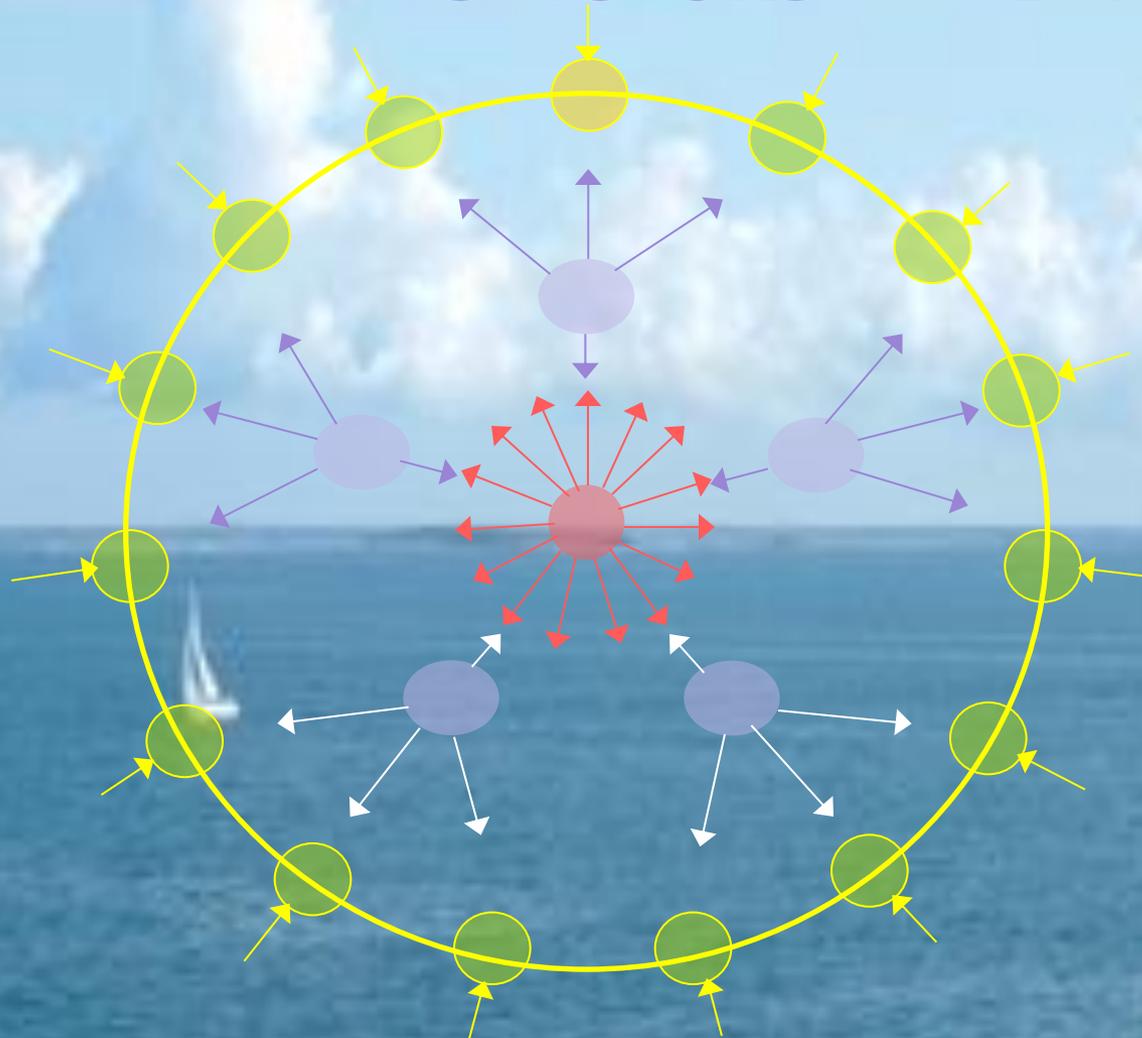
- **ICT for Beginners**
- **Text Processing Courses**
- **Internet Courses**
- **Email Courses**
- **Image Processing Courses**
- **Courses for Learning to Use Mobile Phones**
- **Courses for Virus Security**
- **Computer aided Genealogy Courses**
- **The usability of websites from the senior's point of view**

Composition of ICT-classes

15 STUDENTS

5 TUTORS

1 TEACHER



THERE ARE ~30 TUTORS IN THE GERONET-TEAM

Coffee brake discussions



help learning how to surf

STUDENTS

- 
- from the age of 45 to almost 90
 - highly heterogeneous
 - 80% women and 20% men
 - 10% of Finnish seniors use ICT today
 - 40% max understand some English
 - 10% slightly handicapped
 - 99% highly motivated to learn

TEACHERS

1. Either, young and highly skilled or older, more life experienced and slower
2. Guide by first doing and then explaining
3. Advance as slowly as needed through
 - encouragement of error making now
 - often repeating important functions
4. Learning less rather than forgetting a lot

TUTORS

hopefully gifted with:

Sense of humour + Empathy

Self-confidence + Self-esteem

ICT-skills + Geronet familiarity

Health + Commitment

Sociability + Solidarity

Discretion + Sensitive approach

WORKIN FIELD BY THE GERONET - TUTORS



Tutoring in computer classes



Instructing in aged peoples homes



Skill exchanges between tutors



Continuous training by experts

IN SPITE OF IT ALL :

**DEMANDS
for
FACTS**

**INTEREST
in
COMMUNICATION**

**QUESTIONS
about
LOGIC**

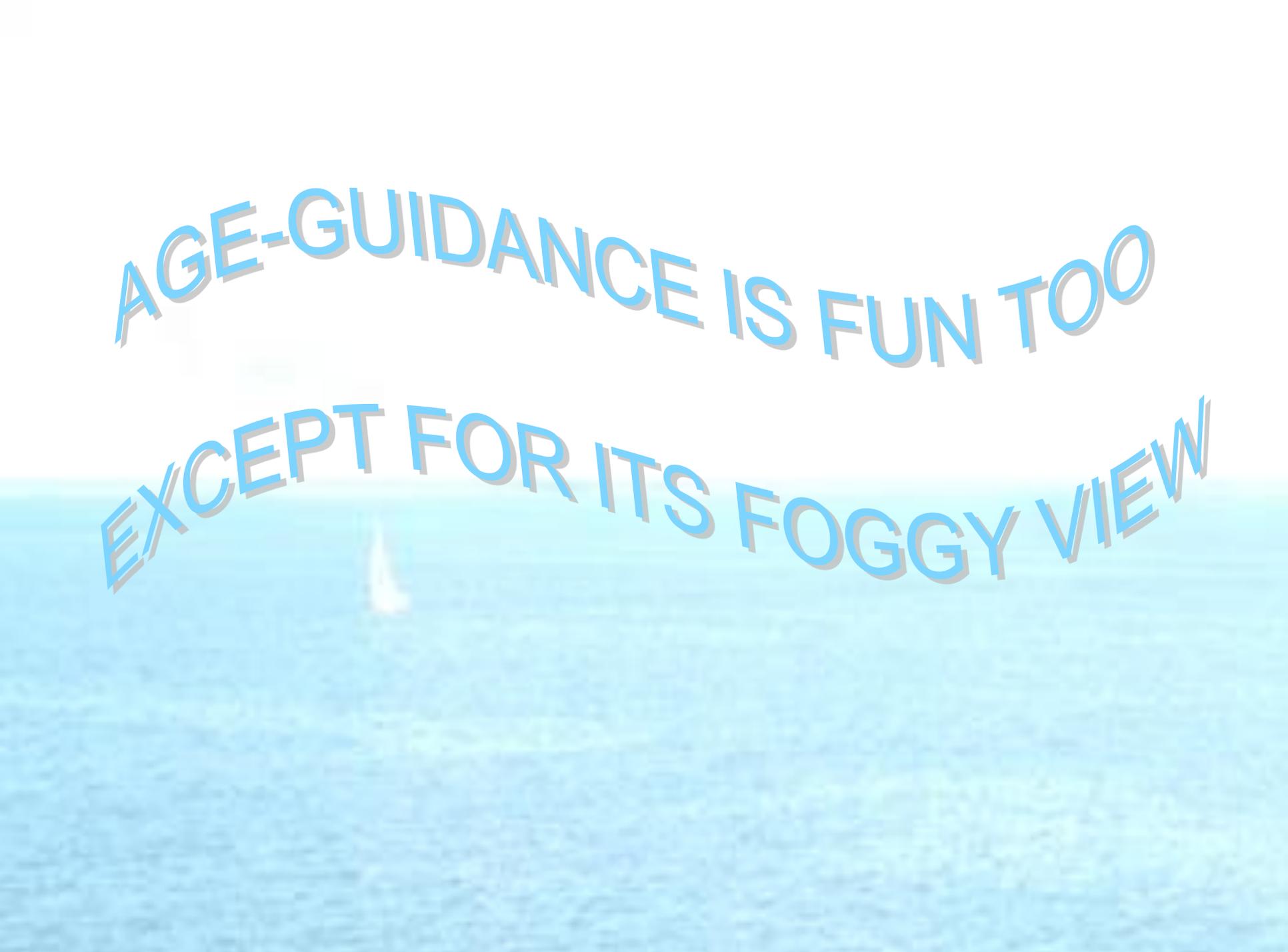
**REFORM
ONE'S
ATTITUD**

**ENTHUSIASM
for
INFORMATION**

**ENJOYMENT
in little
PROBLEMS**

**MOTIVATION
to
EXERCISE**

FOR LIFE LONG LEARNING

A blue-tinted photograph of a sailboat on the ocean. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, arched across the top half of the frame. The text reads: "AGE-GUIDANCE IS FUN TOO" on the top line and "EXCEPT FOR ITS FOGGY VIEW" on the bottom line. The background shows a vast expanse of blue water with a single white sailboat in the distance under a pale sky.

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Thank you



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