



# Literacy Matters

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## Adult Literacies Funding Awards

7 Successful Bids

**Aviemore & Area Learning Project** plan to employ a part-time Literacy Co-ordinator for each of its learning centres. They will assist learners, particularly ESOL students, to access computer literacy and numeracy programmes to support self study. They also plan to provide awareness sessions for volunteer tutors. The project will run from September 2004 to March 2006. Award £44,481

**Ross & Cromarty, Community Learning & Leisure** will continue with its project aimed at increasing adult literacies opportunities in disadvantaged communities in East Ross by working with local primary schools. In order to enhance provision, the hours of the Adult Literacy Support Worker will increase from 14 to 20 per week. The project will run from July 2004 to July 2005. Award £15,602

**The Workers' Educational Association** will provide a range of courses for ESOL and literacies learners with a project which will run from August 2004 to March 2006. Award £12,467

**Alness Mothers Against Drugs** aim to appoint a Literacies Worker for 16 hours per week to undertake dedicated and integrated literacies tuition as well as outreach work. The project will run from August 2004 to August 2005. Award £12,195

**Sutherland Libraries** will provide collections of books, aimed at those with low literacy levels, to be housed in both libraries and learning centres. Staff working with the public will be trained in how to use and promote these resources. The project will run from June 2004 to June 2005. Award £7,450

**Working Without Walls** aim to provide 3 more 'Know your City' courses for new learners as well as an essential writing group for learners progressing from their previous course. The project will run from July 2004 to January 2005. Award £4,045

**Ross & Cromarty Libraries** will continue with the work started last year by updating the existing First Choice Books with the second First Choice collection. The project will run from May 2004 to May 2005. Award £2,504

## Funding Deadlines

The next deadlines for applications for Adult Literacies Funding are:



- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Decisions will be made about a fortnight later and successful applicants informed as soon as possible.

Application forms are available both in hard copy and electronic format from the Adult Literacies Office.

## Partners in Practice

*Conference - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November*

We are holding a best practice conference to which partners will be invited. Please keep this date free in your diary. Invitations and further details will be sent out shortly.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Hilary Lawson, Highland Tutor Organiser for the Workers' Educational

Association who was awarded the MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list for services to education in Inverness and the North Highlands. Hilary has been chairman of the Adult Literacies Working Group for the past two years.

## Training Courses



These sessions are free and open to anyone who is interested. To book, your place, please

telephone or Email Chris McLintock at the Highland Adult Literacies Office.

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**  
10.00 – 12.00 followed by lunch

### Evaluating your Literacies Practice

A chance for everyone running a Literacies Project, or hoping to apply for funding in the future, to find out how they can use self-evaluation effectively in order to improve performance and benefit learners.

Presented by Moira Hamilton, Adult Literacies Co-ordinator, Learning Connections.

**Location: Beaufort Hotel, Culduthel Road, Inverness**

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2004**  
11.00 – 13.00 followed by lunch

### The Power of Words. An International Perspective

A video session with international speaker Mary Hamilton comparing literacy delivery in Scotland with delivery in other countries. How the emphasis on literacy depends on government policy and how this can change. Opportunity for discussion of the issues this raises.

(Originally presented for the Learning Connections Practitioner Seminars series November 2003)

**Location: Committee Room 3, Highland Council HQ, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness**

## Sign Language

Alan Crombie, the Employability Skills Manager with TAG Highland and a member of the Adult Literacies Working Group, is currently learning BSL, working towards the Level 1 exam at Christmas, and is looking for someone to practise with. If you, or someone you know, could help him, please let us know. Alan would also be happy to swap BSL practice for IT training or tutoring. Alan is available on weekday evenings in the Dingwall, Black Isle or Inverness areas.

## Resources from Learning Connections

We have recently received a collection of over 250 resources from Learning Connections which are available for loan by all Adult Literacies partners.

These include books for teaching reading, writing and numeracy together with books which concentrate on workplace literacy and health. There are also dictionaries, tutor guides and diagnostic tools plus more theoretical works giving results of research work into literacy and numeracy.



Learning Connections have also supplied a Resource Evaluation sheet for borrowers to review the resources and we would be very keen to receive these in order to be able to advise other practitioners. The reviews will eventually form the basis of a bank of reviews to be held at Learning Connections and they are particularly keen to have evaluations written by learners.

If you would like a complete list of the resources, or if you would like to arrange a visit to look at the resources yourself, please give us a call.

## The Big Plus



### Promotional Material

Do you need any mugs, calculators, pens, rulers, notepads, carrier bags, mouse mats, highlighters,

stress balls or key rings? We have recently received our second consignment of free promotional material from the Big Plus and these items are available free to anyone who wants them, as long as stocks last.

Also available is the Big Plus Promotional Film in VHS, DVD and CD Rom formats.

If you would like to receive any of these items, please give us a call.



## ABE News

### ITALL Courses

If you are interested in becoming an ABE Tutor, ITALL training courses are due to commence in September in the following areas:

Inverness Lochalsh  
Nairn Badenoch & Strathspey

Peter Mackenzie also plans to do a 2-day fast-track ITALL course in Lochalsh for practitioners.

To book a place, please contact the relevant Co-ordinator.

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<b>Lochaber</b>	
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<b>Badenoch, Strathspey &amp; Nairn</b>	
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<i>Peter Mackenzie</i>	01478~611959

## Workplace Literacies

The Workers' Educational Association has appointed Sheila Maher as the Workplace Literacies Tutor Organiser for Highland. Sheila commenced in post on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2004 and she joins a team of 8, based in WEA offices throughout Scotland.

Working with trade unions, employers and employees, Sheila will help to identify adult basic literacy and numeracy needs in the workplace. Specific courses can then be funded and delivered by WEA tutors. Work is underway to identify tutors who wish to get involved and a 2 day training course is being planned for September/October 2004. For further information, please contact Sheila on 01463 710577 or email [s.maher@weascotland.org.uk](mailto:s.maher@weascotland.org.uk).