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Literacy Matters

Adult Literacies Funding Applications

Deadlines

The first funding deadline, 11th October 2002, is fast approaching but there is still time for people to put in bids. The next deadline is 11th December. It is anticipated, since there are only six months of this financial year left to run, that the bulk of the funding for the current year will be distributed after the first deadline in October.



Criteria for Funding

Funding will be allocated and projects assessed according to the following criteria:

- How well the project contributes to implementing the Highland Adult Literacies Action Plan and, in particular, to achieving its targets by March 2004.
- Demand for the activity or project.
- The extent to which the project complements existing provision or addresses gaps in provision by:
 - Encouraging new and innovative learning methods in the contexts which relate to learners' everyday lives
 - Developing marketing techniques that attract learners, identify their needs and inform service development
 - Encouraging new learners

- The extent to which the proposal provides Best Value to the Highland Adult Literacies Action Plan
- Evidence of effective organisational and financial management
- Effectiveness of plans for monitoring and evaluation of the project
- The extent to which the planned activity will be developed beyond the specific proposal that is the subject of this application.

If you have any queries or difficulties about your funding application, please get in touch with Mary or Chris at the Adult Literacies Office (address left).

Adult Basic Education

As part of the Adult Literacies Action Plan, the Highland Council's Adult Basic Education service is increasing the hours of its Area Co-ordinators, which will lead to an expansion of the service in general. It is likely that people who are planning Literacy/Numeracy projects will want to link in with ABE, whether for advice and expertise or practical help, and the increased capacity of the service will facilitate such liaisons.

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Literacy and Numeracy Websites

We have received information about the following Literacy/Numeracy websites:

www.bankofscotland.co.uk/hbosfoundation/index.html

Publicising funding available for the development of financial literacy, this is a website worth checking out. It gives information about the Halifax Bank of Scotland Charity which has been set up to help local communities. They particularly wish to help with

- Money advice and financial literacy
- Developing and improving local communities

Worth looking at to see if your community project could access funding from this charity. A short, straightforward application form can be downloaded from the site.

www.nala.ie

This is the Irish Literacies website. Ireland has been promoting Adult Literacy in a big way since the 1980s



and this is a very comprehensive website. It is fast and informative and at the click of a mouse, learners can find

out contacts and classes in whichever part of Ireland they are interested in. It is kept up to date and there are some really good ideas.

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise

This is the BBC website. Kept up to date and has plenty of material which literacy tutors can use. There are also games and tests to do on-line.

www.basic-skills.co.uk

The website of The Basic Skills Agency of England and Wales. This site concerns literacy for learners of all ages and is very lively and interesting. There is plenty of material for both tutors and learners. Some you can download, some you can send away for free of charge and some you can buy.

If anyone else has found a good website, please send us the address and we'll publish it here.

Training ~ it's for you!

Our training programme is now up and running and the next two sessions are listed below. These sessions are free and open to anyone who is interested. Please tell colleagues and friends. To book your place, please telephone or e-mail the Highland Adult Literacies Office as detailed overleaf. Numbers will be limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2002 – 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm ~ Liz Beevers

The Scottish Approach to Adult Literacy – how learners' skills, knowledge and understanding can be used to enhance their literacy learning. Embedding literacy in other programmes.

Individual Learning Plans – how they work. How to make them work!

As all those getting funding from the Adult Literacies Monies will be required to produce an Individual Learning Plan for each individual funded, this will be a most useful session for many people.

It would be helpful if delegates could bring an example of the information, if any, they receive about students at present

Location: Dalneigh Suite, Highland Council Training & Development, Dochfour Drive, Inverness IV3 5ED
Liz Beevers is National Adult Literacies Co-ordinator with the WEA

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2002 – 12.00 noon– 2.00 pm ~ Peggy Macnab

The role of "Spotters and Referrers" in Adult Literacy

This session will raise awareness of adult literacy issues for people who may be in contact with potential learners.

It will consider what is meant by literacy; the complexity of literacy and numeracy capabilities; how to access provision.

Location: Beaufort Hotel, 11 Culduthel Road, Inverness IV2 4AG ~ a sandwich lunch will be served
Peggy Macnab is Partnership Development Officer with the Social Inclusion Partnership