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Literacy Matters

Adult Literacies Funding Awards

Lairg Local Learning Centre Association has been awarded £22,970 to continue to employ an ICT Literacy Tutor to support learners in ICT, communication and numeracy. They plan to develop the project into different areas such as creating films and the use of animation techniques. They also plan, in partnership with ABE, to help young people who lack formal qualifications and need upskilling to get into training or employment.

The project, based in Lairg and Brora Learning Centres, runs for a year from November 2006

Rag, Tag and Textile is a research and development project, managed by **TAG Highland**, which involves creating and selling quality fashion items and soft furnishings from recycled textiles. Because many of its clients have literacy and numeracy difficulties and others have lost literacy because of the nature of their illness, TAG has been awarded £14,298 to embed literacy and numeracy into every aspect of the project.

Based in Kyle of Lochalsh, the project will run from October 2006 to September 2007.

Adult Basic Education in partnership with the British Army has been awarded £4,213 to deliver literacy and numeracy courses at Intermediate 1 to soldiers stationed in Highland.

The project, based at Fort George, will run from September 2006 to March 2007.

ESOL Information Day Report



We have produced a report on the ESOL Information Day that took place in the Town House, Inverness on 22nd May, which has been circulated to all those who took part. If you would like a copy of the report, please get in touch.

RaW Campaign

Family Learning Week

The RaW campaign are supporting Family Learning Week (7 – 15 October). There'll be a new RaW Comedy DVD, which uses classic BBC comedy clips to pose literacy questions. This fun, family-friendly resource can be used with groups, or given away as a prize. You can order your free copies on www.bbc.co.uk/learning/proms along with family posters and postcards. There will also be a family themed RaW Reads discussion pack and a family themed quiz available to download.

Funding Deadlines

The next deadlines for Literacies Funding applications are:



Friday 17th November
Friday 9th February

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

Partners in Practice Conference 2006

We will be holding another Partners in Practice event on **Friday 17th November**. This will take place in the Thistle Hotel, Inverness and further details will be circulated shortly.



**ABE
News**

Jill Crawshaw

Inverness Co-ordinator Jill Crawshaw left Adult Basic Education at the end of August. She has moving back to Tyneside to be nearer her family. In the past three years Jill has overseen a substantial growth in provision in Inverness and made a valuable contribution to ABE. We would like to thank her for this and wish her well in the future.

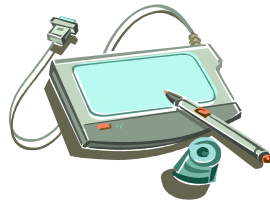
ITALL Courses

New ITALL courses will be taking place in:

Dingwall 28th September
Nairn 29th September
Fort William October

If you are interested in becoming an ABE tutor and would like to join one of these courses, please contact the local co-ordinator.

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Tablet PCs

Following a presentation at the Learning Connections' Innovations in ICT Conference in Stirling this summer, our set of Tablet PCs is now back at base. The tablet PC can be used as an ordinary laptop but has the added advantage of users being able to write on it with a stylus and have this writing transposed into printed text. If any partners who have already attended an induction course would like to borrow these tablets to use with

learners, please get in touch. We are also happy to arrange further induction courses should any partners wish to attend.

A Journey to Citizenship

Publication

We have some copies of the Home Office publication 'Life in the United Kingdom – A journey to Citizenship'. If you would like a copy, please contact us. A full list of publications that we have, either for borrowing or to give away, is available on our website at www.halweb.co.uk

Training



These sessions are free and open to anyone who is interested. To book

your place, please telephone Chris on 01463 251277 or email christina.mclintock@highland.gov.uk

Using Computers and the Internet in Adult Literacies Learning

Friday 6th October
09.30 to 15.30 lunch included

How to show learners how to use the Internet creatively to develop a range of learning activities focused on reading and writing and enable them to search for, access and use the information they find.

Presented by Norman Ross & Steve Woods, ABE & Peter McCann, Highland Libraries

Location: The Culloden Suite, Employee Development, Dochfour Drive, Dalneigh, Inverness

Family Literacy

Wednesday 25th October
10.00 to 12.30 followed by lunch

A look at the experience of sustaining and developing a community based family learning project over a period of 2-3 years and, hopefully, beyond. The workshop will consider project methods, participant outcomes, issues of sustainability and future development options.

Facilitated by Mark Richardson, East Ross Literacy Project & Marie Kerridge, Family Learning & Access Project

What happens next?
Exploring progression routes

Monday 4th December
10.00 to 12.30 followed by lunch

The majority of our students enjoy a high quality supported learning experience. When it is time to consider further learning, what are the options? What practical steps can we take to encourage our students to move on? This interactive workshop will draw on the experience of partner organisations and explore some possible 'next step' progression routes for literacy students.

Presented by Hilary Lawson, WEA

Location for both the above courses: Beaufort Hotel, 7 Culduthel Road, Inverness