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# Literacy Matters

## ESOL Tutors' Day

An ESOL Tutor Training Day will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Inverness on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

There will be a keynote speech on Inward Migration by Carron McDiarmid, Head of Policy at Highland Council. This will be followed by 'Rapid Networking' which is a chance for tutors to spend a few minutes at each of 4-5 tables, finding out about what other organisations have to offer.



The afternoon will be devoted to workshops with delegates able to attend two out of a choice of four.

If you wish to attend, please contact the Adult Literacies Office. Places are limited, so early booking is advisable.

## Funding Awards

### Literacies Awards



**Adult Basic Education** has been awarded £138,000 to enable it to maintain the increased hours of the Area Co-ordinators and the part-time Literacies Workers posts for Inverness & Ross & Cromarty.

In the last year, ABE has provided tuition for over 1,000 learners, run a number of ITALL courses for new tutors and provide a range of classes for the increasing number of ESOL Learners. They have also provided advice and guidance to

other organisations running literacies projects.

A further award of £4,641 has been awarded for ABE to provide literacy and numeracy classes for the **British Army** for soldiers stationed at Fort George.

In addition, they have been awarded £34,000 to continue to employ the **Prison Literacies Liaison Officer** to undertake work both in Porterfield Prison and with prisoners on release.

**The Workers' Educational Association** has been awarded £31,818 to continue the work of the Workplace Literacy Co-ordinator who will build on the success of working closely with existing partners and develop new links with a number of employers to deliver literacy, numeracy and ICT courses throughout Highland.

Following its feasibility study, 'Sustainable Literacies' **Lead Scotland** has been awarded £15,844 to build a sustainable approach to literacy delivery to disabled learners in the Highlands and to raise awareness of cross-sectoral involvement in supporting disabled learners. The project, based mainly in Inverness and Ross-shire in the first instance, runs from April to December 2007.

**An Tuireann** is running a year long series of workshops to enable people with learning disabilities in Skye and Lochalsh to fulfil their self-identified goal of writing a CDROM/book entitled 'Life in the Landscape' which will contain stories, poems and music, reflecting life in the local communities. They have been awarded £5870 to assist with the literacies element of the project.

**ABE – Lochaber** has been awarded £1,750 for a project using art as a method of focusing on text. Aimed at engaging young people and people with disabilities, it also offers additional provision in a group setting for any learner currently engaged in one to one. The project runs from June to December 2007.



**ESF  
Challenge  
Fund**

**Lairg Local Learning Centre Association** has been awarded £5,652 to deliver two 6-month courses leading to the Cambridge First Certificate. The project runs from March to December 2007.

**Adult Basic Education** has been awarded £36,103 to provide basic ESOL classes in all areas across Highland. The majority of tuition will be delivered to small groups but, if necessary, one to one tuition can be provided. Learners will be able to undertake SQA ESOL units at Access 2, Access 3 and Intermediate 1, if they wish. The project runs from April 2007 to February 2008.

**Moray College** has been awarded £22,281 to provide ESOL classes in Inverness and Nairn for groups of Chinese and Polish Learners. SQA modules will be offered at Access 3, Intermediate 1 Intermediate 2 and Higher level, subject to demand. The project runs from April to December 2007.

**Basil +** has been awarded £14,080 to provide 12 – 14 week programmes for ESOL learners at each of its 3 Learning Centres in Badenoch and Strathspey. The project runs from June 2007 to February 2008.

**Macphail Centre** has been awarded £1,054 to provide 2 blocks of 8 weeks 2-hour twilight sessions for ESOL learners in the Ullapool area. The project runs from April to July 2007.

**Western Isles CLAN** has been awarded £20,000 to develop its ESOL provision by offering group and one to one language provision into local workplaces in Lewis and Uist. An ESOL and Citizenship course is also planned. The project runs from April 2007 to January 2008.

## Funding Deadlines

The closing dates for the next funding rounds for both Literacies



and ESF ESOL funding are:  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

## ABE News

### Welcome

Welcome to the 2 new members of the Inverness team based at the Spectrum Centre. Mark Richardson, the ABE Co-ordinator, started work on 10<sup>th</sup> April and Celine Coyle, the Literacies Support Worker started on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Mark is at present getting to know existing learners and tutors and he has planned a get together for tutors at the Inverness Library on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00 to 8.30 pm.

### Adult Literacies Awareness Course

Norman Ross, Joey Graham and Julie Simmons have produced a new course to replace the old 2 day Fast-track ITALL. It is approximately the same duration and is aimed at practitioners who are in a position to identify literacies concerns in their client base. Norman and Mark Richardson are currently facilitating the pilot to staff in the Merkinch Family Centre.

### ITALL Courses

ITALL courses are planned for Fort William starting in June/July and for Inverness starting in August. If you are interested in

becoming a literacies tutor and would like more information, please contact the local Co-ordinator.

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<b>Badenoch &amp; Strathspey</b>	
<i>Vacant</i>	01479~811689
<b>Nairn</b>	
<i>Norman Ross</i>	01463~251279
<b>Sutherland</b>	
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<b>Skye &amp; Lochalsh</b>	
<i>Joey Graham</i>	01478~614064

## The Wheel

The wheel is a diagram representing the ideas of the Adult Literacies Curriculum Framework for Scotland. It can be used by tutors of adult learners in a variety of contexts and is useful to encourage reflection on learning goals and help people get an overview of the Framework.



The Wheel is now available in a pack which includes individual segment pieces which can be applied to a backing board using the hook and loop dots provided. It can be used for planning and reviewing learning, recognising learners' achievement and for awareness raising. If you would like one of these packs, please contact the Adult Literacies office.