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Literacy Matters

Adult Literacies Funding Awards

£94,671 awarded

The first round of funding has been awarded and, as well as a bid from Adult Basic Education, the following three projects have been successful.

WEA – A series of courses with integrated literacy which will variously involve group work for current ABE students, issues for ESOL speakers, workshops for the unemployed with literacy difficulties and also for young parents.

Courses will be based in Inverness, Dingwall, Alness, Skye, Fort William and Smithton. The project runs from November 2002 to March 2003. Award £12,470

North Highland College – Offering guidance and learning to those with literacy difficulties and making such learning more accessible for this group of people who are currently under-represented on College courses. To increase awareness of College facilities for literacy learning and provide a flexible learning system using on-line learning, internet resources and outreach centres.

The project will be based in Ormlie, Thurso and Pultneytown, Wick and runs from November 2002 to May 2003. Award £19,050.

Sutherland Partnership – This project aims to improve opportunities for adult literacy in Sutherland by supplying texts and software to the Sutherland Libraries, Brora Learning Centre, North Sutherland Advice Centre in Kinlochbervie and New Futures Sutherland staff and includes publicity and awareness raising events. It is based throughout Sutherland and runs from January 2003 to December 2003. Award £11,401.

The next deadline for funding applications is 11th December 2002.

Beyond that, the following dates have been set for applications for the next financial year:

- 7th February 2003
- 9th May 2003



ABE News

*New Strategy Officer
Appointed*

The ABE service has now appointed a new Strategy Officer, Julie Simmons, a qualified teacher/librarian, who was previously the Learning Resource Centre Co-ordinator at Invergordon Academy. Julie took up her post on 4th November and is based at the Library Support Unit, 31A Harbour Road, Inverness.

ABE has been allocated £51,750 of Adult Literacies funding for the current year and this has enabled them to increase the hours of the Area Co-ordinators.

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<i>Liff Pedersen</i>	01478~612812
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<i>Isabel Duncan</i>	01479~811689

SFEU Event

Building Capacity in Literacy and Numeracy Skills – Dissemination Event

The Scottish Further Education Unit has been running an ESF funded project entitled *Building Capacity in Literacy and Numeracy Skills*. They are planning to disseminate the results of this project at an event at Hedgefield Centre, Inverness on **Wednesday 27th November from 12.30pm – 4.00pm**.

This event is targeted primarily at all staff in FE colleges, Community Education and the voluntary sector who are concerned about and are engaged in developments and support for adult literacy and numeracy learners in Scotland. The day will highlight examples of Good Practice in Scotland and review Literacy and Numeracy teaching materials. There will also be some time for discussion of issues raised.

If you would like to attend please get in touch with Kerry Adam at kerry.adam@sfeu.ac.uk

More useful web-sites

www.literaciesinscotland.org.uk

If you press the Information Gateway on this site, you receive a list of links to some other 29 sites relevant to adult literacies.

<http://hometown.aol.com/skillsworkshop/group2.htm>

This has downloadable worksheets on various topics for tutors



Spelling tips

A recent course run by WEA proved that everyone has some words they find hard to spell and there was

an excited exchange of spelling tips. Here are a couple of useful ones.

RHYTHM – Rhythm Has Your Two Hips Moving

NECESSARY – It is necessary to have 1 Collar and 2 Socks. (One C & two Ss) (Can anyone remember the tip for Diarrhoea?)

If you have any similar spelling tips, please send them in for us to share with everyone in this newsletter.

Literacies in the Community

The Literacies in the Community: Resources for Practitioners and Managers

This resource pack includes the Good Practice Framework recommended by the Highland Community Learning Strategy Partnership. It contains key ideas for policy makers and managers, the guide to tutoring and guidance and information about staff development and training. It can be obtained FREE of charge in Scotland by contacting:

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Training ~ it's for you and it's free!



Our next three training sessions have now been scheduled. 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.

All courses will be held at the Beaufort Hotel, 11 Culduthel Road, Inverness IV2 4AG

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2002
10.30 am – 1.30 pm followed by a light lunch

What next? Careers Scotland and you!

Embracing the new developments in all-age guidance
This course will be presented by Vivien Stellman who is a Careers Adviser with Careers Scotland

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2003
10.30 am – 1.00 pm followed by a light lunch

Literacy and Mental Health Awareness

Exploring similarities between the stigma attached to literacy problems and to mental health problems. Dealing with a multitude of government agencies and exclusion from mainstream activities.

This course will be presented by a team from the Highland Users' Group

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2003
10.30 am – 1.00 pm followed by a light lunch

Dyslexia

This course will be presented by Audrey Forrester who is Manager of the Highland Dyslexia Association