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# Literacy Matters

## Tutors Day and Partners in Practice 3



5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2009

We are holding our third Partners in Practice event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at the Thistle Hotel, Inverness. On the

previous day, there will be a Tutors Day at the same venue. By organising these events this way, we hope that people who have to travel a considerable distance to Inverness will have a better chance of attending both events if they wish to. Further details and booking forms will be sent to partners shortly.

## "Worth Doing"

At the recent "Worth Doing" Conference run by Learning Connections in Glasgow, HALP Coordinator, Mary Rhind and Susan Summers, Adult Learning Manager for Aberdeen Literacies Partnership, presented the course on Assessment and Measuring Learning that has been developed by Prue Pullen. This was a project which HALP was leading on and which was funded by the CLD Managers Sub Group. The training materials are in the final stages of preparation and should soon be ready in their final format to use. They will be available on the Adult Literacies On line website [www.aloscotland.com](http://www.aloscotland.com).

## TQAL

*Teaching Qualification in Adult Literacies*

This Professional Development Opportunity for Adult Literacies Tutors is being run as a second pilot following the successful first delivery over the last 18 months. Learning Connections is again funding this course.

Those who took part in the first pilot found that it was a positive experience, that it really boosted their practice and they got a lot out of it. It is being seen as a major step to professionalising the role of ALN tutors in Scotland.

Applications are now invited for participants in the next pilot which will begin at the start of 2009 and run for 18 months. It is hoped that if enough interest is found in the north that many of the study group sessions will be held in the area.

Those interested in acting as Practice Tutors for this course are also invited to apply.

Applications for both TQAL Participants and Practice Tutors must be submitted by the end of November.

A leaflet is available from the HALP office which explains what is involved. More information can be obtained from the TQAL Administrator, Mabli Hall at [Mabli.hall@strath.ac.uk](mailto:Mabli.hall@strath.ac.uk) Telephone 0141 950 3688.

## Funding Awards

**Lochaber College** has been awarded £10,962 to provide intensive ESOL courses for beginners in both Fort William and Mallaig. The project runs from September 2008 to June 2009.

**Basil+** has been awarded £29,328 to provide social, community and workplace courses for ESOL learners. It will work with other ESOL providers in Badenoch & Strathspey to afford co-ordinated learning provision which will lead, where appropriate, to SQA and Citizenship qualifications. The project runs from October 2008 to September 2009.

**Rotary Club of Inverness Culloden** has been awarded £3,650 to provide English language classes at different levels in Inverness. The project runs from September to December 2008.

**Isle of Skye Language Centre** has been awarded £1,788 to provide basic English classes for parents in Portree with the aim of helping them to develop and gain confidence in their language abilities so that they can participate better in the education of their children. The project runs from September 2008 to March 2009.

#### Funding Deadlines

The closing date for the next funding rounds are:



**18<sup>th</sup> November 2008**  
**10<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

## Adult Dyslexia Conference

At the recent Adult Dyslexia Conference run by Learning Connections in Stirling, Julie Simmons, CLD Strategy Offer for Highland Council, displayed the Dyslexia Pack which ABE in Highland have developed to assist Adult Literacies tutors.

Learning Connections are also planning to hold a Professional Development Award in Dyslexia Course in Inverness starting next April and there will be a number of places available for the HAL Partnership. Further information will be available in due course.

## New Resources



### Report on Scotland's Adult Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2007/2008

We have received the latest report on Report on Scotland's Adult Literacy and Numeracy Strategy which contains articles about many interesting ALN initiatives throughout Scotland, including Highland's Prison Literacies Project and the Lead Scotland project to build sustainability into literacies provision for people with learning difficulties.

#### Adults Learning

An article about literacies and ESOL provision offered by our Highland partnership, features in the October issue of the NIACE publication of 'Adults Learning'.

#### Learners' Writing

Learning Connections has sent us the latest set of published literacy learners' writing from literacies partnerships across Scotland. As well as the Saughton Stories featured in the last Newsletter, it includes 'Loch to Sea: Lots to do' a joint venture between Highland and Argyll & Bute Councils.

#### ESOL Resources

Following our successful ESOL Tutor Training Day on 26<sup>th</sup> September, we have a selection of ESOL resources donated by the publishers who displayed on the day. These have been divided into 3 sets which can be sent to different areas for viewing.

If you would like more information or to borrow the ESOL Resources or learners writing, or if you would like a copy of the Report or the NIACE 'Adults Learning' article, please get in touch.

## Youth Literacies

We are very sorry that Marianne Ross who has been working at Youth Highland as the Youth Literacies Officer has moved on to a new post. Marianne has been breaking new ground with young people and literacies and has done some sterling work in engaging with this target group over the three years she has been in the post. She has also been an active member of the HALP Working Group and has contributed a lot to the success of the Partnership. We wish her well in her new post.

Youth Highland have engaged Heather Pirie who has many years' experience of working with young people with low literacies while engaged as Peer Mentoring Officer with Calman Trust and in previous work with the Prince's Trust. It is hoped that she will be able to meet up with as many partners as possible in the near future. Her email address is [youthlit@youthhighland.org.uk](mailto:youthlit@youthhighland.org.uk) Telephone 01349 865 186 Mobile no. 07999 592918.



### **WEA ESOL Tutor Training Beaufort Hotel**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 - 12.00**  
**Learning Styles and Resources**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 to 12.00**  
**Try It, It Works**

Tutors will be invited to share short activities (ice breakers, warmers) or even a brief outline of lesson ideas that have worked well for them.

There will be a further 5 workshops between January and March 2009.

WEA welcomes suggestions for workshop topics and any of the ESOL workshops they have run in the past can be repeated, if requested.

To be added to the mailing list, for more information, to book a place or to make suggestions for future workshops, please contact Shona Radojkovic on 07766 083813, email [shona@trivtraining.co.uk](mailto:shona@trivtraining.co.uk).