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Literacy Matters

Adult Literacies Funding Awards

Five Successful Bids

The Adult Literacies Working Group met recently to consider the latest round of funding applications and the following projects were successful.

The WEA Workplace Literacy Project plans to provide 120 hours of integrated literacy training in the workplace, working closely with a minimum of 30 students. They will employ a part-time Workplace Literacy Co-ordinator who will oversee the programme and a number of part-time tutors. The project will run from November 2003 to October 2004.
Award £28,656

Lairg Local Learning Centre Association will employ a full time tutor to provide core skills courses in ICT, communication and numeracy in a group setting within local Learning Centres in Sutherland. The project will run from October 2003 to September 2004.
Award £20,858

Calman Trust provides housing support to young people in Easter Ross. They aim to employ an assistant to their Development Officer who will deliver literacy and numeracy as an integral part of Calman's life skills learning programme. The project will commence in December 2003.
Award £18,929

Adult Basic Education - Lochaber aims to raise awareness of literacies issues with local agencies by delivering five 'Spotters and Referrers' training sessions to 40 participants. These sessions will provide an understanding of the difficulties experienced by adults with low literacy levels, highlight provision available and explore possible alternative methods of delivery with other agencies. The project will run from September to December 2003.
Award £1,605

Highland Council – Gypsy Traveller Education – Following the success of their earlier project using the driving theory test as a framework for providing integrated literacy and numeracy support to young Gypsy/ Travellers, further funding has been awarded to run the project again this autumn both in Inverness and Lochaber. The project will run from September 2003 to January 2004.
Award £3,047

Funding Deadline



The next deadline for applications for Adult Literacies Funding is:
Friday 10th October

Decisions will be made on 22nd October and successful applicants informed as soon as possible. Further deadlines will be set for later in the year.

International Literacy Day

Eight Pathfinder Projects announced
Three representatives from Highland attended this conference held by Learning Connections in Dundee on World Literacy Day on 8th September. It was an interesting day and all the speakers were upbeat and very positive about the increase in literacy provision in Scotland. Eight new Phase II Pathfinder Projects were announced and the list of these can be seen at the new Learning Connections website on www.lc.communitiesscotland.gov.uk Look under "Press" for the Press Release about them.

Electronic Newsletters

The Adult Literacies Newsletter is now available electronically in PDF format. You will need Acrobat Reader in order to view it. If you wish to receive the newsletter in this format, please email Chris McLintock at the address opposite.

“Engaging Ways”

Conference for Learning Practitioners

An event for learning and guidance practitioners will be held on Monday 3rd November from 10.00 am until 3.30 pm at Highland Council HQ, Glenurquhart Road.

There will be an opportunity to see and hear good practice in Community Learning from both within and outwith the area. Included will be Youth, Prisons, Learning Centres, Guidance, Health and the use of ICT. Lively presentations will encourage exchange of thinking and workshops will allow for in depth discussion. There will also be demonstrations of ICT Learning Games, the new literacies framework for the Rickter Scale and a video conference link with a new learning initiative in Australia that we are hoping to trial in Highland soon.

We hope that as many practitioners as possible will come and share their own experiences and meet with others in the adult learning field. Lunch is provided, so let us know if you would like to attend so that we can inform the caterers.



ABE News

New Co-ordinators appointed

Peter Mackenzie has been appointed as the ABE co-ordinator for Skye and Lochalsh and Barbara Watson has been appointed to Sutherland on a job share basis. Peter and Barbara will take up their posts later in the autumn.

Adult Basic Education Co-ordinators	
Caithness	
<i>Libby Cook</i>	01995~605423
Inverness	
<i>Jill Crawshaw</i>	01463~710013
Ross & Cromarty	
<i>Norma Christie.....</i>	01349~864579
Lochaber	
<i>Ann-Marie Donoghue</i>	01397~705003
Badenoch, Strathspey & Nairn	
<i>Isabel Duncan</i>	01479~811689
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<i>Alison Dunbar</i>	01408~623900
<i>Barbara Watson</i>	
Skye & Lochalsh	
<i>Peter Mackenzie</i>	

Adult Literacies Action Plan - 2004 - 2006

Meeting Wednesday 5th November



Highland has been allocated £700,900 for Adult Literacies for the years 2004 – 2006. This funding is dependent on the satisfactory production of a new Adult Literacies Action Plan to be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 12th December 2003. The Plan

is now at the draft stage and a meeting to discuss its progress will be held at Inverness Town House on Wednesday 5th November from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact us at the Adult Literacies Office.

Celebration of Learning Event

Web-site Launch

We are holding a day to celebrate learning on World Computer Literacy Day, Tuesday 2nd December in the Town House, Inverness from 11.30 am to 3 pm to which we would like to invite as many learners and tutors as possible and anybody else with an interest in community learning.

The day will include the grand launch of four new websites specifically for learners - the Highland Council ABE Website for Adult Literacy Learners and tutors, the Highland Libraries Reader Development Website which is particularly aimed at new readers, the Sandstone Press Website featuring the new Vista series of novels by Scottish writers aimed at emergent readers and the Highland Adult Literacies website for Community Learning and Adult Literacies partners for exchange of good practice.

There will also be a learners' award ceremony plus workshops and talks by well known writers as well as an

opportunity to test the new ICT games for learners. If you are coming, please can you let us know so that we can advise the caterers about numbers.

ITALL Courses

Inverness course – 7th October

Introductory Training in Adult Literacies Learning (ITALL) courses are now underway in Wick, Granttown-on-Spey and Nairn, The next course to commence will be in Inverness on Tuesday 7th October. Further courses will be held in Lochaber and Alness in the near future.

The training comprises 16 two hour sessions and is aimed at tutors new to adult literacy. It aims to enable participants to become effective tutors of adult literacies using a lifelong learning approach and could lead to an SQA validated Professional Development Award.

If you are interested in enrolling or if you would like more information, please contact the Adult Basic Education Co-ordinator for the relevant area.

Training Session



Our training programme for 2003/2004 starts on October 21st. The sessions are free and open to anyone who is

interested. To book your place, please telephone or Email Chris McLintock at the Highland Adult Literacies Office.

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2003
11.00 am – 12.30 pm followed by lunch

CAVSS (Course in Applied Vocational Study Skills)

An innovative and successful system, developed in Australia, using team teaching to integrate literacy and numeracy into vocational training to enable students to pass their courses and achieve their goals.

Presented by Mary Rhind, Adult Literacies Co-ordinator

Location ~ Beaufort Hotel, 11 Culduthel Road, Inverness IV2 4AG