



Learning for Life

ADULT LEARNING IN INVERNESS

April 2017

Inverness Community Language & Learning Hub A new weekly drop-in service for speakers of other languages

In March this year, we hosted our first guest speaker at the Community Language & Learning Hub. A lawyer from the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre joined us to deliver a presentation about the changes to British Citizenships laws and systems and what this means for individuals and communities in the Highlands. He also offered his time to answer questions about individual cases. Over 30 learners attended the event.



The Hub is delivered every Thursday afternoon at the Spectrum Centre Inverness. As well as interesting and useful events and guest speakers, the Hub offers a range of information and learning services as well as a well-attended ESOL Work Club.

Sessions are delivered by our experienced Community Language & Learning Support Worker and a small team of Community Reps.

The Hub also offers a Language Café for speakers of other languages, for an opportunity to celebrate multi-lingualism and cultural diversity and to provide learners with an opportunity to practise using English

conversationally and make new friends. Sessions have been well attended, are fun and informal.

We are excited to see our Hub grow and develop over the next few months and to welcome new guest speakers to Adult Learning.

First Aid Training

A group of Adult Learning Community Reps recently undertook First Aid Training delivered in partnership with the British Red Cross. A really informative and fun day was had by all.



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Digital Skills

We have recently launched our most comprehensive Digital Skills programme so far in Inverness, providing three classes per week at different levels of ability across the Inverness area. Our Digital Skills Tutors, Donna and Chris, have delivered short courses in Hilton, Charleston, Dalneigh and the City Centre, with plans to continue to provide further courses in community centres around the Inverness area.

We are delighted to have worked in partnership with Inverness Library to pilot a new Introduction to Digital Skills initiative based within the public library. Library members can sign up to and benefit from three introductory ICT sessions and learn to make the most of their library.

We also look forward to the opportunity to develop our digital skills provision further by offering CPD opportunities to Adult Learning Tutors in the coming months.



SQA National 2 ESOL

In January, National 2 level ESOL learners passed their assessments and achieved their National 2 ESOL for Everyday Life certificates. 10 learners completed the course, all of them gaining their qualification. Well done to everyone!

Learners will now have the opportunity to progress on to National 2 ESOL in Context and gain a further SQA certificate.

Look out for further accredited ESOL courses coming this summer!

Healthy Eating on a Budget

We were delighted to add to our Family Learning provision this January by delivering a short cookery course in Inverness. The project was supported by Tesco who provided all the fresh ingredients for each session. Participants learned how to make easy, healthy and low-cost meals for their families. The course will also be delivered in Ross-shire later this year.



Adult Learning Inverness!

- We engage 135 learners every month!
- We deliver 708 contact hours per month!
- We work deliver an average of 160 activities per month!

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