



Learning for Life

ADULT LEARNING IN INVERNESS

October 2016

Global Languages of Europe

A celebration to mark the European Day of Languages 2016

The European Day of Languages is the initiative of the Council of Europe. The European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on 26 September.

On the occasion, a range of events are organised across Europe: activities for and with children, television and radio programmes, language classes and conferences. National authorities and the various partners are provided with resources and materials to organise activities.

Adult Learning Inverness hosted an event for multi-lingual families living in the Highlands to celebrate multiculturalism, languages and learning. The event was attended by 60 participants of all ages and cultures. Participants were invited to share their language with others as part of a fun 'Language Exchange Booth'; create a bilingual pop-up book; play games and activities; take part in Bookbug sessions; and find out more about services for multilingual families in the local area.



New Tutors

We welcomed 6 new tutors to the team this summer. Each tutor undertook our PDA Supporting Adult Literacies Learning tutor training and are now supporting learners in Inverness Prison, at Job Centre Plus, through Family Learning activities, ESOL classes or Literacies one-to-ones.

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Family Learning

Summer activities for children and families

Throughout the school summer holidays, Adult Learning Inverness offered a range of Family Learning activities for parents and carers and their children. Activities included Healthy Cooking on a Budget, Stop-Motion Film-making, crafts, gardening, and Bookbug.



Summer Learning

A variety of learning opportunities for adults

As part of an inclusive summer learning programme, adult learners in Inverness participated in the following courses:

Capturing Moments

A six week creative course exploring photographs and images to inspire creative writing and poetry – five adult learners completed the course and produced a presentation of their work which can be viewed on the High Life Highland website.

Discover Inverness

Supported by The Highland Archive Centre, Am Baile and IMAG, this course explored the history of Farraline Park. Learners developed their own literacies skills including working with others, research skills, reading and writing, and presentation skills.

Digital Skills

Supported by Citizens Online, learners were invited to take part in a series of digital taster sessions including 'Get More from Your Smart Tech', 'Stay Safe Online', 'Online Shopping' and 'Using Online Services'. Having had a taste for the benefits of going digital, many learners went on to engage with weekly digital skills courses offered by HLH Adult Learning throughout Inverness.

Learner Quote:

"Thanks to learning [...] I feel independent. I have gained confidence in working with people. I get up with a smile on my face looking forward to my class with a sensational tutor. I know I am learning something new which will help me take the next step forward." (Adrian)

Coming Soon!

- Family Learning Scavenger Hunt – October holidays!
- ESOL for Families – starts January 2017
- SQA ESOL in Context – National 2 Level – starts January 2017
- Digital Skills – new courses in Ardersier, Hilton, Spectrum Centre and Culloden

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