



Learning for Life

ADULT LEARNING IN LOCHABER

October 2016

Learners in Fort William enjoy a tour of The West Highland Museum



Over the summer some learners from Spain and Latvia attended a guided tour of the local museum in Fort William together with their tutor, Heather Healy. It was a very interesting evening and this is what the learners said ...

"We learned many new facts about where we live."

"I want to find out more about the history of Fort William."

"I learned some new words tonight that I didn't know before."

The visit was part of a summer programme designed to encourage learning through various activities. We were able to walk around Fort William with the aim of photographing important places to us and we shared our stories and experiences about living in a different country.

What's Doing?

As part of our project finding out what opportunities are available locally we visited Lochaber Education Rural Trust. We found out how young people are involved in their 'Seed to Supper' project and about the volunteering opportunities they can provide.



We even tried to milk a cow!

We have visited places, had people in to tell us about their organisation and how we could become involved, we have visited other projects and we have had practical sessions.

Lochaber Environmental Group came along to show us how to cook healthy food on a budget. We considered lemon drizzle cake was healthy as it had fruit in it and that would count as one of our 'five a day'!



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Partnership Working

Volunteers' Week

We celebrated Volunteers' Week and helped raise the profile of High Life Highland by taking part in a local Volunteers' Fare organised by Voluntary Action Lochaber. The day started with a March through the High Street. We joined number of organisations highlighting the range of opportunities available to potential volunteers in the community. It is estimated that about 3,000 people volunteer in Lochaber. The final event of the week, the 'Voscars', was an awards ceremony to recognise some of those who have given time to support others in their community.



Language Day

We also took part in an event organised by one of the newly opened primary schools in Fort William. This school has pupils from three other schools which have recently closed and is attended by the most number of EAL children in Lochaber. The information session was aimed at parents and carers whose first language is not English. As well as High Life Highland, a variety of other agencies took part including NHS, Highland Council and Lochaber Credit Union.

Driving Theory



We are offering Driving Theory sessions in Fort William Library. These are aimed at anyone who is currently taking driving lessons or those who are thinking about it. As library members, learners can access the 'Test Pro' materials where they can create an account. This enables them to identify sections to work on and to keep track of their progress. It is also possible to access the materials at home on your own device.

Lochaber Community Learning and Development Practitioner Network

Following a successful event held in the spring, a CLD Practitioner Network has been established. Thirty one individuals from nineteen organisations are included in the group. It will be a point of contact for those working in Community Learning and Development and enable peer support across organisations. It is hoped it will increase existing contact between practitioners and build on existing partnership working.

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