



Learning for Life Ionnsachadh Fad-beatha.

Adult Learning in Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey

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Working in Close Partnership.



Cantraybridge College.

Cantraybridge College is a rural skills college providing learning and training opportunities for young people with learning/and or a physical disability. One of the many courses available at the college is a course on Woodwork. Many learners on the course were struggling with the skills required for this course, having little confidence in their abilities to successfully participate in the course. Working in close partnership with the college we started a group for learners who needed to improve their abilities, to help support them in the skills required for the Woodwork course. Learners attended a weekly Measuring and Numbers group led by one of our tutors, with the aim of improving learners' skills and confidence in the numeracy and measuring skills needed to complete the Woodwork course. Learners have reported an improvement in their work and confidence. The Woodwork tutor has also reported an improvement with number and measuring skills as a result of the extra support provided by Adult Learning. As a consequence of working with learners on the Woodwork course, other literacy needs have been identified and we have a tutor running weekly 1-1 sessions for learners who need to brush up on skills required to fully participate in college life.

Digital Skills.

Adult Learning has continued to work in close partnership with our friends at Citizens Online. Throughout summer, we continued with our groups in Nairn, Grantown and Aviemore. Adult Learning understands the importance of digital inclusion, and recognises the benefits people gain from having the opportunity to get online. In an age where more and more is being done online, it is vital people are equipped with the skills to support them in carrying out every day needs online. . Learners have gained such skills as online shopping, booking, using Social Media, Skype and much more. Many of our learners request support with their computer/tablet skills. Therefore it is important that our tutors are confident in their own digital skills. Working in partnership with Citizens Online has helped us continue digital support for tutors who lack confidence in delivering support for digital skills, giving them greater confidence in delivering these skills to our learners.



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1 to 1 Support for Learners



As well as our various groups, we continue to provide 1:1 support for learners who have a specific literacy need and goal in mind. We provide 1:1 support for learners throughout Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey. We can help support learners improve their reading, writing, numeracy and spelling skills. We currently are helping a few of our learners with their impending Driving Theory tests, we recognise this is a difficult test and requires various skills to pass. Coming to us for extra support can help learners understand and gain the essential skills needed to successfully pass this test.

Over the last few months we have helped support learners who require up-skilling for employment purposes. Whether it is to gain employment or carry out the written tasks/reports required for their role, Adult Learning can help. Our learners are of varying levels of ability, and we can provide tuition to cater for learners specific needs.

ESOL

English for Speakers of Other Languages.

ESOL groups in Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey take place in the Nairn Adult Learning Base, Grantown Community Centre and in 'The Hub' in Aviemore. Learners have the opportunity to improve their everyday English, and gain an SQA ESOL qualification. The groups are informal and a great way for learners to practice their English in a relaxed and friendly setting. For more details or information on the classes, please contact Jenni.



'Coming for help with my tablet has been great. I have now set up an email address and can use Facebook which is a great way of staying in touch with people I don't see often. I am really glad I came along'.

Learner in Grantown.

'I feel I am better at spelling now. I now know to break down words that I am not sure about. I try to read more and am reading one of the Quick Reads now. This is the first book I have read since school.'

Learner in Nairn.

'I was really nervous about getting help with my writing. I didn't know what to expect. I wish I did it years ago.'

Learner in Aviemore.

Coming Soon:

- **Employability Group**
- **Kingussie Internet Group**
- **Nairn Tutor Training Course**
- **Literacy and Crafts**
- **Music and Literacy**
- **Driving Theory Group**

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