



Adult Learning

Learning for Life in Inverness & the Great Glen

6,600 learning hours and 4235 contacts in the last 12 months!

October 2019

Support for EU Citizens Living in the Highlands

EU Settlement Status Scheme information and support provided by Adult Learning's ESOL Help Hub, in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau

Staying in the UK After Brexit

Adult Learning has developed strong links with the Citizens Advice Bureau and, in particular, the EU Support Scheme Specialist Advisor, Wilma Verhaere, to provide a network of support for EU citizens living in Inverness. Those wishing to remain in Scotland after Brexit, are obligated to register with the EU Settlement Status Scheme and are required to complete online registration. By working in partnership, Adult Learning and CAB have been providing help to carry out this requirement.

Adult Learning's ESOL Help Hub hosted an initial information event in May to provide information and guidance on the scheme, with specialist input from Wilma. In partnership with CAB, we were pleased to have the opportunity to host weekly support sessions for individuals, providing personalised help and guidance on registering with the scheme. Adult Learning engaged learners to participate in the project and provided digital literacy and ESOL support throughout.

With Wilma's specialist assistance 13 Adult Learning ESOL users have successfully applied to the EU Settlement Scheme and received settled or pre-settled status.

Some learners said that, without the project having highlighted the EU Settlement Scheme to them, they would not have otherwise been aware of their obligation to register. Of CAB's specialist support, learners said that 'Wilma was warm and friendly and made the whole process easy to understand'.



Next Steps

The registration sessions supported by CAB will continue until all learners seeking assistance have been registered on the scheme. To find out more or to make an appointment, please contact Anna Holda, Community Language & Learning Support Worker (ESOL) on 07500 063888.

Lifelong Learning

SQA Wellbeing Award



As an SQA Centre, Adult Learning are pleased to offer a wide range of accredited learning programmes and bespoke opportunities to gain qualifications. This summer, a group of Literacies learners in Inverness became the first HLH adult learners to be awarded the SQA Wellbeing Award at level 3.

Throughout the summer, the group explored SAMH's 'Five Ways to Better Wellbeing' by engaging in activities that enabled them to connect, be active, be present, learn new things, and give to others. The group had the opportunity to plan their own activities including a visit to the Inverness Castle Viewpoint, cookery sessions, mindfulness workshops and much more. In doing so, they explored the many things we can do every day to support better wellbeing.

Their achievements come after the group's earlier success in April this year when they were recognised at the Highland Adult Learning Partnership (HALP) learning event as 'Outstanding Learning Group'. The team were nominated by their tutor, Rona, in recognition of their camaraderie, peer support and enduring enthusiasm for learning and personal development. Well done, everyone!



Coming Soon!

- *ESOL Citizenship Skills* – a 6-week short course starting 31st October
- *ESOL Telephone Skills* – a 6-week short course starting 31st October
- *ESOL for Health* – a 6-week short course starting 1st November at Hilton Community Centre
- Conversational ESOL (Women's Group) in partnership with Highland Multicultural Friends – starting 30th October
- *Blether* – Scottish Book Week activities, 18-24 November 2019
- HLH Adult Learning's Winter Showcase 2019 – Tuesday the 28th of January at 2pm

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