



ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK
19th - 25th May 2007

PRESS RELEASE

CENTRAL SCOTLAND PROGRAMME

Adult Learners' week is all about trying something new, and here in Central Scotland, a whole host of education providers have got together to bring you a programme of activities which will hopefully give you, your family or friends a taste of what's available in the area.

With so many events on offer, there is sure to be something that appeals to everyone. Make the most out of the week and get clued up on what's happening in your area!

East Lothian

Roadshow

21 & 22 MAY, 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Various venues - the Library, Shops, Day Centre, Community Centre in Dunbar.

Dunbar Market Research Tour

A 2 day tour of venues in Dunbar, meeting with people aged 50+, providing info on current learning opportunities and asking what else they would like to see provided and if they would be interested in a website on activities in East Lothian, including learning activities.

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East Dunbartonshire

The Learning and Skills Community team will be holding a Celebration of Learning event on the 19th May 2007 in the William Patrick Library, Kirkintilloch from 12-4 pm. The day will include a variety of different learning opportunities. The programme is as follows:

12:00	Refreshments
12:30	Opening Speeches
13:00- 16:00	Workshops

As part of the celebration there will be a display of the names of all those who took part in our courses over the past 12 months as well as an outstanding Achievement award presentation.

Throughout the week a variety of exciting learning opportunities will also be on offer in different locations throughout East Dunbartonshire including taster sessions of different languages, alternative therapies, library tours and a guide to using online learning resources. A variety of other providers will also be available for information and advice.

Locations below:

MONDAY 21ST MAY, 11-2pm

Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre

TUESDAY 22ND MAY, 11-1pm

Auchinairn Community Centre

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY, 11-2pm

Hillhead Community Centre

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY, 3-5pm

Lennoxton Initiative

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 11-2pm

Milngavie Community Centre

East Renfrewshire – Library Events

SATURDAY 19TH MAY

Video Editing and DVD Production

Free Information session on future classes

- Clarkston Library 10am
- Mearns Library 12.30pm
- Barrhead Library 3pm

MONDAY 21ST MAY

Online Shopping

Clarkston Library 2-3pm. FREE. Book with Lynsey Ng on 07967 016696.

Sending E-mail Attachments

Clarkston Library 3.15-4.15pm. FREE. Book with Lynsey Ng on 07967 016696.

Video Editing and DVD Production

Free Information session on future classes.

- Barrhead Library 5.15pm

TUESDAY 22ND MAY

Sending E-mail Attachments

Giffnock Library 10am-11am. FREE. Book with Lynsey Ng on 07967 016696.

Creating Headed Notepaper

Giffnock Library 11.15am – 12.15am. FREE. Book with Lynsey Ng on 07967 016696.

Getting to Grips with E-Bay

Neilston Library 10am – 12noon. FREE. Experience of Internet essential. Book with Neilston Library on 0141 577 4981.

Video Editing and DVD Production

Free Information Session on future classes.

- Mearns Library 3.30pm

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

Video Editing and DVD Production

Free Information Session on future classes

- Fri 25th May - Clarkston Library 11am

Edinburgh

21ST – 25TH MAY

Adult Learners' Week Tours and Workshops

Gallery opening hours. FREE. Meet at the Main Entrance. Gallery of Modern Art (Modern Art Galleries), Belford Road, Edinburgh. To book a place, please contact Mary Kilpatrick, Community Education Officer, on 0131 624 6428.

During Adult Learners' Week, between 21-25 May, community groups can arrange free tours of Off the Wall, and linked practical workshops at a time that suits them.

Falkirk

TUESDAY 22ND MAY, 10am-1pm

Free Taster session-Local vs Imported

Wider access to school project, Denny High School, Shanks Avenue, Denny.

Where does your food come from? Confused about food labelling? A make your own Healthy Lunch Workshop is included in the programme (main theme of week: Environmental & Recycling).

WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY, 7pm-9pm

Free Taster Session-Beauty from the Fridge

Wider Access to School Project, Denny High School, Shanks Avenue, Denny.

Would you like to know how to make your own face masks? Learn how to use foods from your refrigerator and kitchen cupboards to create refreshers and revitalisers (main theme of week Environment & Recycling)

FRIDAY 25TH MAY, 10am-12.00 noon

Free Taster Session-Card Making

Wider Access to School Project, Denny High School, Shanks Avenue, Denny.

Can you never seem to find just the right greetings card for that special occasion? Come along to our free card making taster and learn the different techniques needed to create original cards for family and friends (main theme of week Environment & Recycling).

Contact: Pat Beattie, Wider Access to School Project, Denny High School, Shanks Avenue, Denny.

Tel: 01324 822895 **Fax:** 01324 822895

Email: admin@dennywasp.org.uk

www.dennywasp.org.uk

Glasgow

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 1.20pm-3.30pm

'U' decide workshop

Adelphi Centre, 12 Commercial Road, Gorbals, Glasgow G5 0PQ.

Join us for the 'U' decide workshop for community learners. This workshop will give learners the skills to make positive decisions regarding their transition to further or higher education.

Contact: Peggy Nicholson

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Inverclyde

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 11am-1pm

Open Day Tasters

Central Library, Clyde Square, Greenock, Renfrewshire PA15 1NA.

This event will consist of Free taster sessions in Genealogy and digital photography. There will be CV workshop by Careers Scotland as well as BBC Raw Displays, Adult Learners Inverclyde and Lead Scotland will also be represented

Contact: Val Phillips

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Midlothian

Online College opens its Virtual Doors for Adult Learners' Week

The New Curiosity Shop, an innovative online college based in Scotland, hosts its second virtual Open Week (19th - 25th May 2007) for online learners as part of Adult Learners' Week and Silver Surfers' Day.

Contact: Noel Chidwick, Partner

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Email: contact@newcurioshop.com

North Lanarkshire

THURSDAY 24TH MAY, 10am-1pm

Adult Learning Roadshow

Join us for taster workshops and a community consultation on adult learning at Newarthill Community Centre, 42 High Street, Newarthill, North Lanarkshire ML1 5JU.

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY, 10am-1pm

Adult Learning Roadshow

Join us for taster workshops and a community consultation on adult learning at John McCormack Community Centre, Motherwell Road, Carfin, North Lanarkshire ML1 4EB.

Contact: Andrena Norman

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South Lanarkshire

MONDAY 14TH – SUNDAY 20TH MAY

Information Roadshow

East Kilbride Town Centre

MONDAY 21ST – THURSDAY 24TH MAY

Learning Bites Taster – Free

Village Learning Centre, East Kilbride

Contact: June MacDonald

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For more information about Adult Learners' Week in Scotland and/or the Adult Learners' Week Awards please contact:

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		Good News Learning	Web Based	Community Learning Service	Iain Yuill 01698 452 154	Learners to post good news learning story to learners web site (www.writing-about.net), top prizes for winners.
19 May	10.00-12.00	Open morning at Forth Community Resource Centre	Forth Community Resource Centre	Forth Community Resource Centre	Anne Carruthers 01555 811 002	Information on learning opportunities in the local area and IT sessions.
19-20 May	09.00-16.00	South Lanarkshire College Roadshow	East Kilbride Shopping Centre	South Lanarkshire College	Lisa Kelly 01355 243 018	Information and advice on college courses for 2007/08 from 14th May to 20th May.
20 May	09.00-09.30	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Carlukle Leisure Centre	Leisure Services	Ann Hamilton 01555 751 384	Call to book a place.
21 May	18.00-20.00	Family Fun Night	Earnock High	Home School Partnership	Rob Milligan 07795 090 793	Giving parents/carers an opportunity to work and learn together with their children.
21 May	09.00-16.00	Learndirect Learning Bytes Short Learning "Tasters"	Flexible Learning Unit, South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Debby Kenny 01355 270 760	Bite-size learning "tasters" - phone to book a session.
21 May	10.00-12.00	Study Skills and Student Support Workshop	Bell College	Bell College	Lynsay Holland 01698 283 100 Ext 8298	A two hour drop in session incorporating four rotated presentations on themes such as useful study skills and student support functions i.e. career planning and welfare. An information point and short campus tour will also be included. This is a drop in.
21 May	14.00-16.00	IT Taster Session	Bell College	Bell College	Lynsay Holland 01698 283 100 Ext 8298	A full two hour workshop, on our computers, for people new to Computing. Information on ECDL will be provided. Learners should book a place in advance.
21 May	10.00-12.30	Job Centre Plus Awareness Raising	East Kilbride Central Library	Community Learning Service	Caron Lyon 01355 564 375	Open to the public.
21 May	10.00-12.00	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	East Kilbride Central Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
21 May	13.00-15.30	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	Greenhills Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
21 May	09.30-12.00	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	St Leonards Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
21 May	14.45-15.15	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Carlukle Leisure Centre	Leisure Services	Ann Hamilton 01555 751 384	Call to book a place.
21 May	19.00-19.30	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Strathaven Leisure Centre	Leisure Services	Sybil Hunter 01357 522 820	Call to book a place.
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22 May	18.00-20.00	Family Fun Night	Blantyre High School	Home School Partnership	Rob Milligan 07795 090 793	Giving parents/carers an opportunity to work and learn together with their children.
22 May	19.00-21.00	Quiz Night and Buffet	Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre	Community Learning Service	Duncan MacGregor 01698 452 154	
22 May	16.00-19.00	Open Evening	South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, Main Street, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Lisa Kelly 01355 243 018	An opportunity to meet staff from all college faculties and to discuss your learning needs.

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22 May	13.30-16.30	Careers Information Session	St Leonards Library	Careers Scotland	John Barret 01698 477 120	
22 May	09.00-16.00	Learndirect Learning Bytes Short Learning "Tasters"	Flexible Learning Unit, South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, Main Street, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Debby Kenny 01355 270 760	Bite-size learning "tasters" - phone to book a session.
22 May	10.00-12.00	Udecide Coffee Morning	Bell College	Bell College	Lynsay Holland 01698 283 100 Ext 8298	Interested in learning or coming to College. Come to the 'udecide' coffee morning workshop to help you consider the learning options you have and how to plan for the future. Tea and coffee will be available. Please call to book a place.
22 May	11.00-15.00	Motherwell College Information Sessions	Motherwell College	Motherwell College	Stuart Matson 01698 232 686	Information on community programmes, full-time, part-time and evening programmes provided in the reception area. Guided tours of the college will also be provided.
22 May	18.00-19.30	The Learning Experience	Motherwell College	Motherwell College	Susan Docherty 01698 232 441	Performance by Motherwell College Literacy & Numeracy learners funded by "Awards for All"
22 May	11.00-15.00	Princes's Trust Information Sessions	Motherwell College	Motherwell College	Sarah Caldwell 07733 324 430	Information on Prince's Trust Volunteers Programme, Guidance from the Prince's Trust Team Leader from the Hamilton Programme.
22 May	10.00-12.00	Adult Learners' Week Prize Quiz	Fairhill Library	Community Learning Service and Libraries	David McDonald 01698 452 154	Fun awareness raising event open to all libraries users.
22 May	14.00-16.00	Adult Learners' Week Prize Quiz	Hillhouse Library	Community Learning Service and Libraries	David McDonald 01698 452 154	Fun awareness raising event open to all libraries users.
22 May	09.30-12.00	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	Greenhills Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
22 May	13.00-15.30	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	Halfway Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
22 May	13.30-15.30	Careers Service Awareness Raising	St Leonards Library	Careers Scotland	John Barrett Louise Lindsay 01698 477 120	Open to the public.
22 May	13.00-15.00	Gaelic Play	East Kilbride Central Library	Community Learning Service	Teeda Boyd 0141 584 2531	Gaelic play performed by Gaelic Language students. Open to public but must book ticket before hand.
23 May	19.00-21.00	Open evening at Carstairs Village Community Hall	Carstairs Village Community Hall	Forth Community Centre	Anne Carruthers 01555 811 002	Information on learning opportunities in the local area and taster IT Sessions.
23 May	09.00-16.00	Learndirect Learning Bytes Short Learning "Tasters"	Flexible Learning Unit, South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, Main Street, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Debby Kenny 01355 270 760	Bite-size learning "tasters" - phone to book a session.
23 May	18.30-20.00	Knitting for Families	Lanark Grammar	Home School Partnership and SOLVE	Matt Szatkiewicz 01555 662 471	Beginning knitting course for parents/carers and their children. Programme will run for six weeks and will introduce basic knitting stitches. All supplies provided. Open to parents/carers in the Lanark Learning Community.

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23 May	13.00-17.00	Open Afternoon for Adults	Hamilton Careers Centre	Careers Service	Joy Cadona 01698 477120	Open to public.
23 May	12.00-13.00	Celebration of Achievement	East Kilbride Central Library	Princess Royal Trust LCC and Community Learning Service	Marie Campbell 01698 428 090	18 Adult learners will complete a Basic Computing Course and receive their certificates. Ek News and EK Mail will take photographs.
23 May	14.00-16.00	IT Taster Session	Bell College	Bell College	Lynsay Holland 01698 283 100 Ext 8298	A full two hour workshop, on our computers, for people new to Computing. Information on ECDL will be provided. Learners should book a place in advance. Learners should book a place in advance.
23 May	10.00-11.30	Sign Language Introduction Taster	Community Links Blantyre	Community Links	Morag Pinion 01698 827 583	
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23 May	10.30-12.30	Udecide Workshop	Motherwell College	Motherwell College	Linda Williamson 01698 232 327	Information on community programmes, college programmes and Prince's Trust (10 participants max). Discussion on identifying "Next steps" for learning. Tea/coffee and lunch provided. Return transport available from Motherwell/Craigneuk and Hamilton.
23 May	11.00-15.00	Beauty Therapy Treatments	Motherwell College	Motherwell College	Kelly Freel 01698 232 235	Range of free treatments provided, as part of the Adult Learning Week 2007 celebrations, by Motherwell College Staff/Students. Limited numbers of treatments, should be pre booked.
23 May	14.00-16.00	Adult Learners' Week Prize Quiz	Burnbank Library	Community Learning Service and Libraries	David McDonald 01698 452 154	Fun awareness raising event open to all libraries users.
23 May	09.30-10.00	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Blantyre Leisure Centre	Leisure Services	Fiona Wilson 01698 727 800	Call to book a place.
23 May	09.30-10.15	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Hamilton Water Palace	Leisure Services	Carlina Morris 01698 459 950	Call to book a place.
23 May	10.15-11.00	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Hamilton Water Palace	Leisure Services	Carlina Morris 01698 459 950	Call to book a place.
23 May	09.00-11.30	Deaf Awareness Event	East Kilbride Central Library	Community Learning Service	Ann Andrew 0141 584 2531	Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - informal presentation by a member of the deaf community and his hearing dog. Open to existing learners by invitation only.
23 May	19.00-21.00	Celebration of Learning	Blantyre Miners Welfare	Community Learning Service	Greta Fordyce 0141 584 2531	Existing learners will be invited to the event to celebrate their success. By invitation only.

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24 May	13.30-16.30	Careers Information Session	Greenhills Library	Careers Scotland	John Barret 01698 477 120	
24 May	19.00-21.00	Launch of Heritage Book for Gypsy Travellers	Hamilton, Low Parks Museum	Community Learning Service	Janet Ward 01698 452 154	Launch of heritage book for Gypsy Travellers.
24 May	19.30-21.00	Open evening at Forth Community Resource Centre	Forth Community Centre	Forth Community Resource Centre	Anne Carruthers 01555 811 002	Information on courses, classes and workshops on offer in the local area.
24 May	09.00-16.00	Learndirect Learning Bytes Short Learning "Tasters"	Flexible Learning Unit, South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, Main Street, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Debby Kenny 01355 270 760	Bite-size learning "tasters" - phone to book a session.
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24 May	10.00-15.30	Careers Service Awareness Raising	Hamilton Town House Library	Careers Scotland	Joy Codona 01698 477 120	Open to the public.
24 May	09.30-15.30	South Lanarkshire College Awareness Raising	Rutherglen Library	South Lanarkshire College	Charlie Bent 0141 641 6600	Open to the public.
24 May	11.00-11.30	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Lanark Swimming Pool	Leisure Services	Nikki McPhail 01555 666 800	Call to book a place
24 May	20.00-20.30	Free Adult Swimming Lessons	Lanark Swimming Pool	Leisure Services	Stuart Craig 01555 476117	Call to book a place.
24 May	18.00-21.30	The Learning Wheel	Falkirk Wheel	Community Learning Service	Ann Andrew 0141 584 2531	A visit to the Falkirk Wheel for Social Work Resources learners in partnership with Community Learning. By invitation only.
24 May	19.00-21.00	Celebration of Learning	Rutherglen Town Hall	Community Learning Service	Greta Fordyce 0141 584 2531	Existing learners will be invited to the event to celebrate their success. By invitation only.
24 May	19.00-21.30	Celebration of Learning	Carluk District Hall	Community Learning Service and ICS	Jane Fraser 01698 452 154	Joint celebration of learning with learners from Community Learning and Integrated Childrens Services. Closed session.
24 May	14.00-16.00	Adult Learners' Week Prize Quiz	Stonehouse Library	Community Learning Service and Libraries	David McDonald 01698 452 154	Fun awareness raising event open to all libraries users.
25 May	09.00-16.00	Learndirect Learning Bytes Short Learning "Tasters"	Flexible Learning Unit, South Lanarkshire College, Village Campus, Main Street, East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire College	Debby Kenny 01355 270 760	Bite-size learning "tasters" - phone to book a session.

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25 May	10.00-12.30	ESOL Learners' Event	Hamilton Salvation Army Hall	Community Learning Service	Dorothy Thomson 01698 452 154	Cultural Awareness Event- A number of ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) learners will be present and their work will be on view. Quizzes, prizes and Highland Dancing as part of the event. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
25 May	10.00-15.30	Careers Service Awareness Raising	East Kilbride Central Library	Careers Scotland	John Barrett/ Louise Lindsay 01698 477 120	Open to the public.
25 May	09.00-16.00	CIVICUS	New Lanark World Heritage Centre	ALVO	Frank Burns 01555 661 233	Delegates from around the world will take part in a Learning Exchange.

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