



ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK
19th - 25th May 2007

PRESS RELEASE

NORTH EAST SCOTLAND PROGRAMME Aberdeen

Adult Learners' week is all about trying something new, and here in the North-east, 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 in Aberdeen and across the North-east, there is sure to be something that appeals to everyone, whether it is working out 'Who Done IT?' at a computer based mystery session, discovering more about the art of disguise, attending talks on the history of Crime and Punishment or learning to climb a wall! So make the most out of the week and get clued up on what's happening in your area!

Aberdeen Central Library Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB25 1GW

Happening throughout the week:
Saturday 19 May – Friday 25 May (Closed Sunday)

Action against Race Discrimination – A Display

Race related stories are rarely out of our newspaper headlines. What action has been taken and is being taken to confront the issues of racism and race discrimination? Come to the Central Library and view this specially created display-illustrating examples of local, Scottish, UK wide and EU action.

Time/s: Monday – Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm
Venue: Central Library
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 652502
Information: Quiet Cup café open for light refreshments from 10am-4pm. Parking is available in the Denburn carpark at the rear of the library. There is a charge of 60p for 1 hour, £1.20 for 2 hours.

How much do you know about money? – A free prize quiz

Discover some interesting facts about money at home and abroad. Try our money quiz online at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/libraries for your chance to win one of the following prizes:

- 1st Prize:** A year's subscription (worth up to £50) to the MultiMedia Library
- 2nd Prize:** A choice of print from the Library's print collection
- 3rd Prize:** A book token to the value of £10

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Get Involved – Participate in your Community

This event brings together a wide range of books, leaflets and online resources available in Information Services to help you become involved in your community. These will include subjects such as Charities and Volunteering; Running a

Club; Fundraising; Scottish Parliament; Community Contacts Directory and Community Councils.

Time/s: Monday – Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm
Venue: Community Reference, Information Services, Central Library
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 652511
Information: Quiet Cup café open for light refreshments from 10am – 4pm. Parking is available in the Denburn Carpark at the rear of the library. There is a charge of 60p for 1 hour, £1.20 for 2 hours.

Human Rights on Film

Display of films on Human Rights, Civil Rights, Racism & Oppression. Arts equipment display of items and leaflets with lists and how to borrow. Taster sessions available on prior request.

Times: Monday – Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-5pm
Venue: Media Centre, Central Library
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 652505
Information: Quiet Cup café open for light refreshments from 10am-4pm. Parking is available in the Denburn Carpark at the rear of the library. There is a charge of 60p for 1 hour, £1.20 for 2 hours.

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MONDAY 21 MAY

Get Involved – Volunteer with Aberdeen Volunteer Centre

Display stand with handout leaflets and a PowerPoint loop presentation showing work of Aberdeen Volunteer Centre. Staff from the centre will be on hand to assist or to foster interest of members of the public.

Time/s: 2pm-4pm
Venue: Community Reference, Information Services, Central Library
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TUESDAY 22 MAY

Get Involved – Finding Funding for Community Groups

Staff will be on hand to demonstrate the resources available in the Community Reference Service to help those looking for funding for charitable groups. This will include the funderfinder software package that searches around 4,500 charitable trusts according to a profile entered by the grant seeker.

Please contact Edith Nicol or Edith Wemyss on 01224 652511 or email referencelibrary@aberdeencity.gov.uk to book a session.

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WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

Get Involved – Civic Involvement: Community Councils

Staff will be on hand to explain the role of Community Councils, the work they do and provide information relating to joining an existing Community Council or the procedures relating to establishing a new one. Details of existing Community Councils will be available, plus a list of those areas which do not currently have this form of community representation.

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Venue: Community Reference, Information Services, Central Library

Enquiries: Telephone 01224 652511

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THURSDAY 24 MAY

Get Involved – Community Participation: Community Contacts Directory

Staff will be on hand to demonstrate the Community Contacts Directory, including where to find it online; explain what it contains and how to search the Directory; how to go about including a group, club, organisation or service in the Directory and the benefits this can bring. Also included will be a brief overview of the Aberdeen City Council website with particular reference to the 'self service' elements e.g. reporting faults, renewing library books etc.

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Aberdeen City Council

MONDAY 21 – FRIDAY 25 MAY

A Slice of Learning

Throughout Adult Learners' Week, the Aberdeen City Adult Learning team is inviting all tutors and learners to participate in a celebration of learning. This might involve visits to places of interest, such as the Art Gallery; producing something creative (in written form or arts/crafts); or at the very least, enjoying a cup of coffee and a slice of cake together! Events will be recorded either by camera or video with the aim of producing a collage to be displayed in a central location.

Contact Susan Summers on 01224 497150 for further information.

Aberdeen College – Altens Centre

Hareness Road, Altens, Aberdeen AB12 3LE

TUESDAY 22 MAY

What's the right course for me?

If you are still uncertain about what you would like to learn, and need help to find the right course for you, then why not come along and meet a member of the College Guidance Team? Whether you're thinking about a new hobby, trying to get back

into employment or looking for a new career move, they will help you choose the right course at the right level and offer information on finance, childcare and any other queries about returning to education you may have.

Time: 1pm-3pm (room C3)

Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612284 (Learner Services Reception, Gallowgate Centre)

Information: There is a refectory and limited parking at Altens Centre. On arrival, please go to main reception.

Aberdeen College – Clinterty Centre

Kinellar, Aberdeen AB21 0TZ

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Time: 10am-12pm (room Clinterty 1)

Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612284 (Learner Services Reception, Gallowgate Centre)

Information: There is a refectory and limited parking at Clinterty Centre. On arrival, please go to main reception.

Aberdeen College – Gallowgate Centre

Gallowgate, Aberdeen AB25 1BN

THURSDAY 24 & FRIDAY 25 MAY

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In addition, drop-in appointments for career advice are available from College and Careers Scotland advisers – please ask on arrival.

Time: Thursday 10-12pm and 2-4pm (room ELG 10), Friday 10-12pm (room SG30) and 2-4pm (room SG29)

Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612284 (Learner Services Reception, Gallowgate Centre)

Information: Parking available at West North Street car park. On arrival, please go to main reception for directions.

SATURDAY 19 – FRIDAY 25 MAY

Look into IT!

Visit the Gallowgate IT Centre for free, short (1 hour approx.), self-teach, computer based training courses covering both basics of using a computer (using the mouse and the keyboard, along with drop-down menus) and an introduction to the Internet and World Wide Web, supported by experienced and qualified staff.

Time: 8am-9:30pm Mon-Thurs, 8am-5pm Fri, 10am-6pm Sat/Sun
Location: Gallowgate IT Centre
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612260
Information: Café facilities available. Parking available at West North Street car park.

THURSDAY 24 MAY

International Day

Students studying English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are hosting a day of cultural diversity in the Loch Street Student's Common Room. Visitors will be able to learn about what makes each culture unique from students representing countries from across the globe. Individual stands displaying colourful traditional costumes, arts & crafts, photographs, musical instruments and power point presentations will be on view. This year the College music students will be performing and adding an international note in this key event, beauty therapy students will be adding the finishing touches, our TV students will be recording the event and our photography students will be capturing this colourful event on film.

There will be representatives from a variety of organisations to offer advice and our ESOL department will be on hand to answer any questions on learning and teaching ESOL.

Time: 10am-2pm
Location: Loch Street Common Room, Gallowgate Centre
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612230
Information: Café facilities available. Parking available at West North Street car park.

FRIDAY 25 MAY

Silver Surfers Day

This is a special day to encourage the 'more mature', into computing and IT. Aberdeen College is offering a number of free sessions which are ideal for anyone just starting to use a computer and the internet. You'll be able to work at your own pace with the help from an expert team of instructors who are always on-hand should assistance be required. Courses range from 1 hour free taster sessions which can lead to a 30 hour more in-depth course which you can enrol onto on the day and attend the IT Centre on any day or time.

Times: 8am-9:30pm Mon-Thurs, 8am-5pm Fri, 10am-6pm Sat/Sun
Location: Gallowgate IT Centre
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 612260
Information: Café facilities available (restricted at weekends). Parking available at West North Street car park.

Aberdeen College – Gordon Centre

Ellon Road, Aberdeen AB23 8DU

MONDAY 21 MAY

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returning to education you may have.

Time: 2pm-4pm (room G2)
Enquiries: 01224 612284 (Learner Services Reception, Gallowgate Centre)

Information: There is a refectory and limited parking at the Gordon Centre. On arrival, please go to main reception for directions.

Aberdeen Lads Club

Dill Road, Tillydrone, Aberdeen AB24 2XL

SATURDAY 26 MAY

Community Fair

A community fair has been arranged for people from other countries living in the Tillydrone area. Activities will include arts and crafts, food workshops and ceilidh dancing. There will be information about the local area and city-wide agencies. Information for participants will be available in 5 languages.

Time: 10am-3pm
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 492672

Airyhall Library

Springfield Road, Aberdeen

SATURDAY 19 MAY

PC's for Parents

One to one PC taster sessions with a parental slant!

Time: 10.00-12.00
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 310536
Information: Booking essential.

TUESDAY 22 MAY

On-line Shopping and Digital Photography Tasters

45 minute one to one PC Taster Sessions featuring on-line shopping and digital photography.

Time: 1.30-4.30
Enquiries: Telephone 01224 310536
Information: Booking essential.

Balmedie Library

Egie Road, Balmedie, Aberdeenshire

THURSDAY 24 MAY

Hair & Beauty

(more info required)

Time: 10am-2pm
Enquiries: Fiona Clark, Ellon Community Education Centre, tel 01358 727910
Information:

Bridge of Don Library**Scotstown Road, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen AB22 8HH**

THURSDAY 24 MAY

Internet Made Easy: Computer Taster Sessions

An introduction to the Internet and e-mail (booking essential)

Time: 2pm-3pm & 3pm-4pm**Enquiries:** Telephone 01224 702800**Information:** Parking available.**Cornhill Library****Cornhill Drive, Aberdeen, AB16 5UT**

SATURDAY 19 – FRIDAY 25 MAY (closed Sunday)

Get Ahead

This event is being organised in conjunction with Skills Bank Staff. Participants will be able to take part in introductory tutorials of up to 2 hours in length. Topics that can be covered will be; how to organise and write a CV, how to search for jobs online, how to use the internet to search for local and national government information and how to use the internet to search for local and national news. There will also be an opportunity to arrange a meeting with a Learn Direct Advisor and a Working for Families Advisor.

Times: To be arranged – phone number below for further information**Enquiries:** Telephone 01224 702800 or 01224 696209**Linksfield Community Centre****520 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5SS****Learning Bus Tour**

Get your wheels in motion tour – courtesy of First Aberdeen! Join the First Learning Bus as it tours the North-east calling at:

MONDAY 21 MAY

Mintlaw Library (10-12pm), Donbank Primary School, Tillydrone, Aberdeen (2-4.30pm)

TUESDAY 22 MAY

Hill of Banchory School (10-12pm), Portlethen Library, Portlethen Academy (2-4.30pm)

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

Rosehearty Library (10-12pm), Turriff Library (2-4pm)

THURSDAY 24 May

Balmedie Library (10-12pm), Seaton Community Project, Aberdeen (2-4.30pm)

FRIDAY 25 MAY

Kincorth Community Centre/Library (10-12pm), Middlefield Learning Centre/Pathways (2-4pm)

Once on board, Aberdeen College has just the ticket to get you into I.T! You'll be able to take part in the following I.T. activities:

- Create a selection of recipes
- Learn how to print all your address labels for postcards before you go on holiday
- Design and produce your own birthday / greeting cards
- Learn how to make posters and leaflets
- Create your own calendar
- Or even ...re-design your garden!

You'll also be able to have a go at Digital Photography – how to take a photograph and then combine it with different templates

to produce a variety of finished products. And, in conjunction with the Learning Bus, the various host centres will have activities going on inside for you to take part in.

Staff from various learning establishments will also be available throughout the week to offer information and advice on local classes, university courses, career opportunities and funding.

Information: Times may vary subject to delays.**Enquiries:** Telephone FREEPHONE: 0800 027 0405**Linksfield Library****520, King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5SS**

SATURDAY 26 MAY

Open Day

Come along to the Linksfield Centre Open Day, where you will be able to access information about the centre and centre activities/classes. There will be various demonstrations, including a Tai Chi demonstration by the Older People's Group, plus games for children, a tombola, etc. Opportunities will be available to sign up for classes or make suggestions about areas of interest.

Time: 12pm-4pm**Enquiries:** 01224 494093**Mastrick Library****Greenfern Road, Mastrick, Aberdeen AB16 6TR**

THURSDAY 24 MAY

Shopaholic's Guide to the Internet

Learn how to make informed choices when buying goods online, compare prices, choose a holiday destination and your weekly supermarket shop. Booking Essential.

Time: 10am-11am & 11am-12 noon**Enquiries:** 01224 788558**The Robert Gordon University****All RGU Buildings – City Centre & Garthdee**

THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2007

Open Day**Time:** 5pm-8pm**Venue 1:** Schoolhill, Aberdeen AB10 1FR**Venue 2:** Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7QG

Find out more about our postgraduate and part time undergraduate courses at our open evening. This is a fantastic opportunity to find out how we can help boost your career,

through our full time, part time and online courses. Academic staff and advisers will be on hand to answer any queries you might have and show you round our state-of-the-art facilities.

Enquiries: Alison Clark, tel: 01224 262204, fax: 01224 262202, email: A.clark1@rgu.ac.uk

The Scottish Agricultural College

Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen, AB21 9YA

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Garden Design

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Time: ???

Enquiries: Telephone 01224 711189

Information: Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tillydrone Library

Pennan Road, Aberdeen AB24 2UD

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Time: To be arranged with library

Enquiries: Judith Beaton, tel: 01224 652530, email: jbeaton@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Woodside Library

356 Clifton Road, Aberdeen AB24 4DX

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