



OUTER HEBRIDES COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP
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ADULT LEARNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Report by Adult Learning Manager, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to provide an update on the work of the Adult Learning Partnership.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Adult Education is a key element of Community Education. This type of learning may be community based or within institutions of Further Education. Community Education in partnership with a range of learning providers plays a major role in providing adult learning opportunities within community settings. These adult learning opportunities can be classified into the following two categories:

- Adult Literacy and Numeracy provision delivered through the Western Isles Learning Shop
- Community Learning Hebrides

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership note the Report and Adult Learning Partnership Action Plan as appended to the Report.**

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Appendix: Adult Learning Partnership Action Plan
Background Papers:

BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Quarterly meetings of the Adult Learning Partnership are held in March, June, September and December each year, and a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed and agreed by the Group.
- 5.2 An Adult Learning Partnership team has been established on Teams for sharing information on training opportunities and other data sharing as necessary. The Job Centre is the only partner who has so far confirmed they are unable to access. This is due to security issues at their end.
- 5.3 The plan to develop an Outer Hebrides learning pathway can now be linked with the Employability team who are working on an employability pathway through their various strands of their offer. The learning pathway and employability pathway can be linked to create one pathway with multiple entry and exit points. Gaps in the pathway and tasks to address these gaps will be looked at once the pathway is completed.

DETAIL

- 6.1 Delivery of Adult Literacies within the Learning Shop:

2021 – 22	
15 learners, 87% achievement	59 learners, 51% achievement (incl. Cothrom)
2022 – 23	
17 learners, 100% achievement	68 learners, 97% achievement (incl. Cothrom)

Delivery of ESOL within the Learning Shop

2021 - 22
28 Learners, 100% achievement
2022 – 23
30 learners, 100% achievement

Delivery of Community Based Adult Learning

2021 - 22
122 learners, 95% achievement
2022 – 23
78 Learners, 100% achievement

- 6.2 The planned mapping exercise to identify resources in the community to access digital provision has yet to take place. The Local Employability Partnership plan to complete a survey and our questions around digital provision can be added to this.
- 6.3 Discussions are ongoing around a landing web page (not council) where all partner information and offers can be found.

- 6.4 Health Literacies training has been compressed into a 15 minute power point which was filmed and sent to 4 GP Practices as part of a pilot, with an offer to follow up with a longer input, Teams discussion or visit for Q&A session. It is felt that there is a better chance of frontline workers engaging with this training if it is shorter, at least initially. This will allow for follow up with more information if people think it is relevant to them. Awaiting feedback from the pilot.
- 6.5 The Adult Learning Team can access the NHS Turas platform and have been made aware of NHS Scotland Information Wellbeing Training (IWT). As the IWT takes quite a significant amount of time to complete, and tutors can access modules relevant to them rather than undertake the full training.
- 6.6 Representatives from the Adult Learning Partnership are currently working on a volunteer pathway to show entry and exit points, training and support offered and from whom. Contact details will also be added, including a name, to make it clear who to contact for further information or advice.