



News and What's On **August - October 2011**

Scottish Family Legends Winners

A delighted Mark McGowan and Teresa Stewart have become worthy winners of a recent writing competition. The competition was run by BBC Radio Scotland and the Scottish Book Trust. People entering the competition had to submit stories on the theme of family legends.

Out of 700 entries, only 70 were successful. This is therefore, a fantastic achievement and now Mark and Teresa will see their work published in a book entitled Scottish Family Legends. They will also be attending the Family Legends Winners Celebration at BBC Scotland Headquarters, Pacific Quay Glasgow.



Mark and Teresa attend the Eh! Write! Creative writing group in Finmill Centre. For more information about the group please contact **Alan Fraser** on **438641**.

To view photographs of learners at the recent Lord Provost reception, go to the gallery at **www.discoverlearning.org**

FAMILY FUN DAY IN THE PARK

The Central Adult Learning Team organised a fun family activity event in Baxter Park that included storytelling sessions and colouring-in activities throughout the afternoon. Families enjoyed the sun while they played in the park, moved between activities and gathered information on local projects and events.

There were opportunities to take part in craft, sports, play and environmental activities provided by Countryside Rangers, Youth Team, Youth Sports, Play on Wheels and Solar Cities projects.

The storytelling and mask making sessions were extremely popular with the children present, as was the numerous and varied options provided by the Playbus. Adults were also able to discuss local issues and share thoughts on how they would like to see Dundee in the future while speaking with workers in their area from projects including Community Safety, DHLI, Police and Fire Brigade.

For more information on future family learning activities contact **Colin** on **436415**.



Wifiez Group

After being nominated for an Adult Learner Award, the Wifiez Group attended the Civic Reception being held by the Lord Provost. They also attended an Awards ceremony in Glasgow as nominees for the Scottish Adult Learning Partnership celebrations.

Running now for over two years, this highly successful women's group can be proud of achieving so much in a short time. They have been involved in a variety of activities including successfully campaigning for a play park in the area, salsa dancing, complementary therapies,

health and mental well being. Qualifications have also been gained in First Aid, Food Hygiene, Reiki, Options & Choices and Speak Easy.

On top of all this, the group have created a mosaic that signifies all the areas that are of importance to the residents of St Marys. This is due to be erected on the wall of the community facility.

After recently completing a six week taster course on literacy and Numeracy, a new packed programme of activities has been arranged. This includes self defence, health issues in the community and Heartstart.

For more information please contact **Caroline Bairner** on **436359**



READING, WRITING, SPELLING, NUMBERS

Support for adults and young people who would like to improve their reading, writing or number skills. We can help with filling in forms, coping with dyslexia, handling money, reading books and newspapers, measuring and weighing, writing letters and helping with homework.

To find out what is available in your area call 666665.

Child Minding Course

Working for Families organised the Child-minding course in partnership with the Education Department for those learners who would like to set up a childminding business for a future career. The 15 week course focused on child protection, child development and childminding policies and procedures. This course also gave an insight into childminding registration and the tax system.



Gallery



Heartstart
Menzieshill Community Centre



Creative Sewing
Ardler Complex



Learn to Cook Course
Kirkton Community Centre



Mosaic Group
AOG Full Gospel Church











The West End • Nethergate & The Perth Road • Logie/Blackness

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Just the Job	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 25th August-29th September, 1-3pm Looking for work and English is your second language? Learn to improve CVs, application form filling, interview skills etc			Kim Robertson Tel:435872 Colin Christie Tel:436415
 Options & Choices	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 25th August – 29th September 10am -12noon This course will help identify your skills, compile/update a CV, explore your career ideas, identify your learning and employment options.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872 Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817
Guidance	At a venue, date & time that suits you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872 

Lochee • Charleston • Menzieshill

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Health Issues in the Community	Charleston Community Centre, Starts Monday 21st August 1-3pm Looks at factors which affect your health and that of your local community. Get the chance to raise issues that affect your life and get ideas to make changes.			Julia Fraser Tel:07852278509 or 432967 
 Time For Me	Lochee Club House, dates and times to be confirmed. Time out for busy parents/carers who want to make changes in their lives. Get together to relax, chat and learn new things.			Julia Fraser Tel:07852278509 or 432967
Jobshops	Lochee Community Office, Fridays 9.30-12noon Menzieshill Community Centre, Thursdays from 1.30pm and Charleston Community Centre 9.30am-12.30pm			Annette Miller Tel:432973 Julia Fraser Tel:07852278509 or 432967
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Annette Miller Tel:432973 
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you. For parents looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Julia Fraser Tel:07852278509 Or 432967 





Douglas • Mid Craigie • Linlathen

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History of Timex	Douglas Community Centre, Wednesday 31st August – 23rd November, 10am-12noon Creating a history of the Timex Corporation in Dundee. Developing IT and other core skills. If you ever worked for Timex or have an interest, why not come along to our group-meet old friends & relive old times.			Alistair Cameron Tel:436942	
New! Cooking Skills Workshops	Douglas Community Centre, Thursday 14 & 28th July, 4th & 11th August 3-5pm Learn basic cooking and hygiene skills. The workshops are informal and fun with good food to take home. Book early.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
New! Cooking Skills Course	Douglas Community Centre Thursdays 9.30-11.30am, dates to be confirmed Learning the basic skills and hygiene involved in making healthy meals. The course is informal and fun with good food to take away after each session.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
New! Family Fun	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesday 5th July – 9th August, time to be confirmed. Learn and play together by getting involved in a range of fun activities eg arts & crafts, games, cooking etc			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
Time For Me – Mums Group	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesday 23rd August -4th October 9.15-11.15am Get together to relax, chat, learn new things, find out about child development and make play things. The group is informal and friendly.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
New! Speakeasy	Douglas Community Centre, Wednesday 31st August-23rd November 9.30-11.30am Informal course for parents/carers to get support and information to help discuss relationships, growing up and sexual health with your children.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
CVs/Applications	Hub, Wednesdays 2-4pm Drop in for help to create your CV and/or fill out application forms.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
New! Basic First Aid	Douglas Community Centre, dates and times to be confirmed. Learn the basics and know what to do in an emergency.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
New! The Values & Principles of Care SQA Unit Course	Hub, Wednesday 21st September -25th October This course would suit adults interested in a career in the care sector or for those who would like to apply to study Care at College.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
Jobshop	Hub, Fridays 9.30am-1pm			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
New! Give it a Go	Hub, Thursday 1st September – 6th October 9.30am -12noon A chance to try out activities and have some time for yourself.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	

Stobswell • City Centre • Hilltown • Fairmuir • Law

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Hulltoon Creative Writers Group	The Grey Lodge Settlement, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm Develop your creative thinking and communication skills by taking part in weekly writing activities.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872	
 Heartstart	Maxwelltown Information Centre, Wednesday 31st August 1-3pm Learn basic life support and CPR skills that can be used in an emergency situation.			Colin Christie Tel:436415	
 Jobseeking Skills	Dundonald Centre, Manhattan Works, Monday 22nd August-26th September 1-3pm Improve employability chances by learning how to design a CV, complete an application form, where to look for work and interview preparation.			Colin Christie Tel:436415	
Arts & Crafts	A.O.G full Gospel Church 58 Constitution Street, Wednesdays 10am-12noon. Learners can work on a variety of different projects from easy knitting to more complex projects depending on skills and abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Mosaic Group	A.O.G full Gospel Church 58 Constitution Street, Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Learners working on individual projects depending on skills and abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Hilltown History Project	A.O.G full Gospel Church 58 Constitution Street, Fridays 2-4pm Documenting Hilltown – support local people to record memories /stories/historical information, through discussion/filmmaking/arts/ photography etc to produce booklet and DVD.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Jobshop	Maxwelltown Information Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm			Colin Christie Tel:436415	
Employability Guidance & Advice for Ethnic Minorities	Central Library, Wednesdays 10am-12noon Dundee International Womens Centre, Thursdays 2-4pm. For help to return to learning, training or employment.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493	
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Colin Christie Tel:436415	
Multi-Cultural Parent-Baby Group (for children aged 0-2)	Central Library Creche Room, starting Tuesday 30th August 1.30-3pm This group for minority ethnic parents, focuses on supporting them in their children's learning and development. Lots of learning through play activities.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	
Multi-Cultural Parent-Toddler Group (for children aged 3-5)	Central Library Creche Room, starting Wednesday 31st August 1.30-3pm This group for minority ethnic parents, focuses on supporting them in their children's learning and development. Lots of learning through play activities.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	

Whitfield • Fintry • Mill o'Mains

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details	
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671	
CV Drop in	Whitfield Community Centre, Thursdays 1-3pm Drop in session to create or update your CV.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671	
New! Big Art Circus Family Learning	Whitfield Community Centre, Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th July 10-11.30am Come along with the family during Whitfest and try your hand at circus themed BIG art.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671	
New! Art on the Grass Family Learning & Adult Learning Promotion	Green Spaces in Whitfield & Mill O'Mains during July & August Look out for us on a green space near you this summer and join in with the different art activities for all the family. Also find out about new adult learning opportunities in the area.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671 Caroline Bairner Tel:436359	
Creative Writing	Whitfield Community Centre, Monday 22nd August-3rd October 10am-12noon. Involves development of creative writing skills. The various forms of creative writing are addressed and participants have the opportunity to get feedback from others in the group.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
New! Health Issues in the Community	Grampian Gardens Community Block, Thursday 18th August-6th October 1-3pm Looks at factors which affect your health and that of your local community. Get the chance to raise issues that affect your life and get ideas to make changes.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
New! Environmental Action Group	Venue and dates to be confirmed Connect with, enjoy and care for an open space in North East Dundee.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
Allotment Group/Family Gardening	Murrayfield Allotments Friday 19th August-7th October 10am-12noon This group will involve parent/carers and children in growing a range of vegetables and looking after an allotment.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
Time For Me	Whitfield Community Centre, Thursdays 9.30-11am starting August. Dates to be confirmed. Time out for busy parents/carers who want to make changes in their lives.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671	
New! Whitfield Gardening Group	Whitfield Community Centre, Wednesday 17th August - 6th October 10am-12noon. This group will involve a range of gardening activities and look at how to do them without spending a lot of money.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	

Ardler • St Mary's • Kirkton

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Wifiez Group	St Mary's Community Facility	Tuesday 9.30-11.30am	Ongoing	Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
Knitting Group	Ardler Complex	Thursday 1.30-3.30pm	Ongoing	Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
 Kirkton Free Family Activities Morning	Kirkton Community Centre, Saturday 3rd September 10am-12noon Come and join in with fun activities for all the family: Storytelling, Big Art Circus, Alphabet Soup – fun with letters and words, fun with food, colouring in, puzzles and more			Catriona McNicoll Tel:436415
Guidance	At a venue, date and time that suits you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Teresa Fulton Tel:436314 Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
Jobshops	St Marys Facility: Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm Ardler Complex: Fridays 9.30-11.30am Kirkton Community Centre:9.30-11.30am			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359 Teresa Fulton Tel:436314
Stepping Stones	Ardler Complex, dates & times to be confirmed. Designed to increase self confidence, self esteem etc			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
Time For Me	Kirkton Community Centre, starts Wednesday 7th September 1.30-3pm Time out for busy parents/carers who want to make changes in their lives. Get together to relax, chat and learn new things.			Catriona McNicoll Tel:436415

ESOL

Support for adults whose first language is not English to improve their speaking, listening, reading and writing. To find out what is available in your area call **666665**.

Some of our activities are run in partnership with other departments and organisations. Details will be available at enrolment.

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