



learning in the community...

News and What's On **Summer 2012**



Andrew Wins National Award

Andrew Ferrie won the Special Award at this year's 21st Anniversary Adult Learners Week Award ceremony held in Edinburgh in May.

This was in recognition of his lifetime involvement in learning spanning eight decades.

Andrew's personal learning journey has included accountancy and languages (English, German, French & Italian) and an Open University Degree.

As a volunteer he has helped prisoners improve their literacy skills in Perth and in the Territorial Army he put his languages to good use in the Intelligence Corps.

Andrew was a founder member of the University of the Third Age (U3A) in Dundee where he still runs language classes as part of the programme. He is the Chair of Mature Scot locally and involved at a National level too.

Andrew was also founder member of Menolej in Dundee where he is still involved in organising activity programmes for "men of leisure".

"I have always loved learning for the expansion of knowledge and I like finding out about things I've never known about. I'm not the kind of person that can just sit."

Interview with Adult Learners Liz Flight & Susan Clark



Which group do you attend?

St Mary's History group which is running at St Mary's Community Facility on Friday mornings

What have you been learning?

Susan: I have learned how to use the library. I learned how to look up reference books to find information. I have never done this before.

Liz: I have learned lots of information about St Mary's that I never knew about. I also learned to work as part of a group. Everyone just muddled in.

What have you enjoyed about the group?

Sharing stories and hearing peoples thoughts about St Mary's, how St Mary's has grown. People in the community have said so many positive things about St Mary's.

What are you looking forward to next?

It will be nice seeing the finished project after all our hard work. We plan to have a display in St Mary's Community Facility.

Adult Learning Evening Activities

In February & March 2012 a survey was carried out in the Stobswell Area to find out what adult learning activities local people would like to see in their area, in the evening. A variety of activities were suggested, these included learning skills such as first aid, cooking, DIY, Information Technology, arts & crafts, music.

A small group of local people from Stobswell have recently met and are keen to be involved in getting some new activities off the ground later in the year.

For more info contact Liz Allardice Tel 435827 or liz.allardice@dundecity.gov.uk

Gallery

Healthy Cooking
Charleston Community Centre



St Andrews Botanic garden visit
Whitfield Gardening Group



Options & Choices
Mitchell Street Centre



Health Issues in the
Community visit to the Rep
Whitfield Group



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.

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**.




Lochee • Charleston • Menzieshill

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Make, Do, Mend	Charleston Community Centre, Tuesday 21st August - 25th September 9.30-11.30am Looking at design & sewing techniques, fabric decoration & recycling bits and bobs to make something new.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814
Jobshops	Lochee Community Office, Fridays 9.30-12.30 and 1-3pm Menzieshill Community Centre, Fridays 1.30pm Charleston Community Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm			Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432973 Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814
Jobseeking Skills Support sessions	Menzieshill Community Centre, Thursday 1.30-4pm One to one sessions to assist people in their search for employment. Sessions are by appointment only.			Annette Miller Tel:432973
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 431836
Healthy Simple Cooking	Charleston Community Centre, Thursday 23rd August - 27th September 9.30-11.30am Basic course looking at preparing quick and healthy foods.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814

New!



Douglas • Mid Craigie • Linlathen • The Ferry

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details	
History of Timex	Douglas Community Centre, Wednesdays during term time 10am-12noon Creating a history of the Timex Corporation in Dundee. If you ever worked there, come along and relive old times.			Alistair Cameron Tel:435872	
 Cooking Skills Workshop	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesday 16th August 9.30-11.30am Learn some basic cooking skills at this informal and fun workshop. Book early as places are limited. Cooking course may follow if enough interest.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
 Speakeasy Workshop	Douglas Community Centre, Thursday 23rd August 1-3pm For parents/carers - talking to your child about relationships, growing up and sexual health can be difficult. This workshop will give you the support and confidence to answer those "awkward" questions.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
Looking after Me	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesday 21st August - 25th September 1.15-3pm. An opportunity to discuss our health, family life, learning, budgeting and more. Come along and join us.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
 Early Education & Childcare Course	Rowantree Primary School, Wednesday 29th August-12th December 9.15-11.15am This is an SQA Intermediate 1 level course and is ideal for people who would like to help their children learn and also for people looking for a qualification to help look for work or gain entry to further education.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
CVs/Applications	Hub, Wednesdays 2-4pm Drop in for help to create your CV and/or fill out application forms.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
Guidance	Hub, day & time to suit For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
 Jobshop	Douglas Community Centre, Wednesdays 1.30-3pm			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
 IT Skills for Job Search	Hub, Thursdays 1.30-3pm Ongoing group which can be joined at any time. Learn skills for looking for work such as emailing, attaching CVs, letters and documents and Internet job search.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643	
 Helping your children learn	Douglas Community Centre, Thursday 30th August-27th September This course will explore ways we can encourage and support our children to develop new skills and learn new things.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	
 Summer Family Fun workshops	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th August 1.30-3pm Bring the family along to play, have fun & games and learn new things at the same time.			Jane Clark Tel:436942	

BERA (BROUGHTY FERRY EDUCATION & RECREATION ASSOCIATION)

Offers a range of learning & leisure activities in Grove Academy & Forthill Primary School starting September 2012.

See website www.beradundee.org.uk for more info or in August pop into Broughty Ferry Library for a programme. Please do not contact the schools.

Ardler • St Mary's • Kirkton




Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Creative Writing Taster	Ardler Community Centre, 18th September 1-3pm Kirkton Community Centre, 19th September 9.30-11.30am Come along to this fun writing taster. Get an introduction to writing stories, poems, plays etc No experience needed.			Catriona McNicoll Tel: 436415
 Sociology Summer Taster	Kirkton Community Centre, 19th July-9th August 9.30-11.30 An introduction to the study of society and what happens to shape and influence our lives. Creche available if booked			Teresa Fulton Tel:436314
Stepping Stones	Ardler Complex & St Mary's Community Facility, dates & times to be confirmed Confidence Building Course			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359/438671
 Local & Family History	Ardler Complex, Thursdays 10-11.30am starting 30th August Includes researching your family tree & learning about Dundee. Is also the opportunity to gain a qualification in local Investigations and core skills such as IT			Catriona McNicoll Tel: 436415
 Local & Family History	Kirkton Community Centre, Mondays 1-3pm starting 3rd September Includes researching your family tree & learning about Dundee. Is also the opportunity to gain a qualification in local Investigations and core skills such as IT.			Catriona McNicoll Tel: 436415
 Learn to Cook	Kirkton Community Centre, 23rd August - 4th October 1.30-3.30 Learn to cook at home healthy versions of your favourite takeaway food. Additional option to improve numeracy through measurement of weight and volume. Creche available if booked in advance.			Teresa Fulton Tel:436314
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 Mary's Wednesdays 1-2pm: by appointment Ardler Complex: Fridays 9am-12.30pm			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
 Worldwide	Kirkton Community Centre, 30th August - 15th November 9.30-11.30 A course looking at issues of concern both locally and globally. Topics will include injustice, climate change, fair trade and a visit to the Scottish Parliament.			Teresa Fulton Tel:436314



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:438671/438680 Caroline Bairner Tel:436359/438671
New! Jobshop	Families House, Grampian Gardens Wednesdays 9.30 -11.30am, Whitfield Community Centre, Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am, Mill O Mains Community Pavillion, Tuesdays 12noon-1.30pm,			Carol Arnott Tel:438671 Caroline Bairner Tel:436359
New! Storytelling	Finmill Centre, Tuesdays 1-3pm This group will develop the art of storytelling both for adults and children. various forms of storytelling will be included e.g. songs and puppetry.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Creative Writing	Finmill Centre, Mondays 10am-12noon Eh! Write: this group 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! Outdoor Family Storytelling	Middleton Wood, Thursday 5th July 1-4pm Longhaugh Hill, Thursday 12th July 1-4pm Finlathen park, Thursday 19th July 1-4pm For all these dates meet at Whitfield Community Centre Will include storytelling games. There will also be storytellers telling stories. If you have a story to tell or a song to sing and would like to be included in the programme please get in touch.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Gardening Group	Whitfield Community Centre, Wednesdays 10am-12noon starting 18th April 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
Speakeasy	Whitfield Community Centre, Monday 3.30-5.30, start date in August to be confirmed For parents/carers to get support & information to help to discuss relationships, growing up and sexual health with your children.			Caroline Bairner Tel:438671 or 438680
New! Working Together in Open Spaces (Opportunity to gain a qualification)	Mill O'Mains Pavilion, Thursdays 2-4pm, August to be confirmed & Whitfield Community Centre, dates and times to be confirmed. Are you interested in the green spaces around Whitfield and Mill O'Mains and would like the opportunity to be part of planning changes for their future? Come along to this group to make this happen.			Carol Arnott or Caroline Bairner Tel:438671 or 438680
New! 'Art on the Grass' Family Learning	Various locations in Whitfield, dates & times to be confirmed Look out for us in a green space near you over the summer holidays and join in!			Carol Arnott Tel:438671
Womens Health Group	Mill o'Mains Pavilion Tuesdays 1.30-3pm Start date in August to be confirmed Looking at how to improve your mental and physical wellbeing. We will cover healthy eating, anxiety, stress & relaxation, healthy cooking, assertiveness etc			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359

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	
Arts & Crafts	Maxwelltown Information Centre, Wednesdays 10am-12noon Learners can work on a variety of different projects depending on skills and abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Mosaic Group	Maxwelltown Information Centre, Thursdays 9.30-11.30am Learners can work on individual projects depending on skills & abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Employability Guidance & Advice for Ethnic Minorities	Central Library, Wednesdays 10am-12noon 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 (0-1 years)	Central Library Creche Room, every Thursday starting 30th August 1.30 -2.30pm This group for minority ethnic parents focuses on engaging parents to support them in their children's learning and development.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	 
Multi-Cultural Parent & Toddler Group (children aged 1-3)	Central Library Creche Room, Tuesdays 1.30-3pm starting 28th August. This group for minority ethnic parents focuses on supporting them in their children's learning and development.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	
Multi-Cultural Parent & Pre School Children's Group (children aged 3-5)	Central Library Creche Room, Wednesdays 1.30-3pm starting 29th August This group for minority ethnic parents focuses on supporting them in their children's learning and development.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	
Multi-Cultural Family Walking & Early Years Programme	Various areas in and around Dundee, Mondays 10-11.30am Monday 20th July-20th August For minority ethnic parents and their children 0-5 years Sessions promote physical activity for the whole family.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	
Park Place Nursery Parents Group - For Minority Ethnic Parents	Park Place Nursery School Mondays 1-2.30pm starting 27th August & Thursdays 9-10.30am starting 30th August. Helping minority ethnic parents understand the benefits of various nursery activities that their children are involved in.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813	
Jobshop	Maxwell Information Centre, Fridays 9.30am - 12.30pm			Colin Christie Tel:436415	

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CSCS - Health, Safety & Environment Test <i>New!</i>	Mitchell Street Centre, Tuesday mornings 14th August -4th September Looking to work in the construction industry and need to gain the CSCS card? We offer Free access to CSCS Card theory and practise prior to sitting test. Information and assistance booking test also available.			Colin Christie Tel:436415
Surgery Sessions (Minority ethnic families 0-5)	Central Library, Tuesdays/Wednesdays starting 27th/28th August 9-12am (by appointment only). For those who want more information about family learning opportunities.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813
Dads 'r' Us <i>New!</i>	Maryfield, dates and times to be confirmed Free Fun and Play sessions for dads and male carers of children aged 0-5 years in an informal and friendly environment.			Colin Christie Tel:436415

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

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Just the Job <i>New!</i>	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 23rd August-27th September 12.45-2.45pm Looking for work and English is your second language? Learn to improve CVs, application form filling, telephone and interview skills and practise on this course.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872 Colin Christie Tel:436415
Options & Choices <i>New!</i>	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 23rd August -27th September 9.30-11.30am 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, learning, training or employment.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872

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

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