



learning in the community...

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Spotlight on ESOL



Speakeasy

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Speakeasy

Six learners have completed an accredited Speakeasy Course in Kirkton. This 8 week course equips parents and carers with the confidence to speak knowledgeably to young people about sex, relationships, growing up and keeping safe.



Subjects covered included, puberty, contraception, sexual health, internet safety, STI's and impact of the media.

Learners will be able use the skills and knowledge gained to help talk with their own children and other young people they have contact with through friends, family or work.

This course will be running again soon, if you would like more information or want to take part, please call Teresa on 436314.



Stobswell ESOL Group

The Stobswell ESOL group have been developing their spoken English through a range of trips, discussions and activities. On 29th October, learners took part in a workshop about Halloween. We had a discussion about Halloween then everyone made a Jack-o-Lantern. This was a new experience for all of the learners involved!



On 5th November, learners talked about why bonfire night is celebrated in the UK. On 19th November, one of the learners led a cookery demonstration at Maxwell Centre. He cooked four different pasta dishes so there was something to suit everyone.



The next week, the group had a Burns Supper to mark St Andrew's Day. There was also some

discussion about St Andrew's Day and Robert Burns.

Apart from improving their English, learners have been gaining confidence, working with others and sharing aspects of different cultures.



Gallery

Family Fun at the Spook-tacular Ardler Complex



Healthy Cooking Learners
Charleston Community Centre



Messy Play
Kirkton Community Centre



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.



My Story - Liqin Chen

My name is Liqin Chen. I come from China. I have two sons aged sixteen and six. I used to live in Stirling where I worked in a Chinese restaurant before moving to Dundee five years ago. I wanted to learn English so that I could have independence and meet new people.

My class is at Mitchell Street where we do speaking, listening, writing and reading. Sometimes we do singing. We have learned about health, going shopping, winter and emergency services.

Now I know more people. I can go shopping and ask for help. I can go to my son's school and speak to the teacher. My son is in primary one and I can help him with his reading homework.

My tutor is Elaine. She is an organised person and the work is at a good pace for me.



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**.

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

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
CSCS -Health, Safety & Environment Test	Mitchell Street, Tuesday 4th – 25th February 12-2pm. FREE access to CSCS card theory and practice prior to sitting test. Information and assistance booking test also available.			Colin Christie Tel:436415
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
Job Shop	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 10-11.30am. Open to anyone looking for work, help with CVs, application forms and letter writing.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493 Colin Christie Tel:436415 Mob:07908727199
Job Seeking Support Sessions	Mitchell Street Centre, Time and day to be arranged. One-to-one session to assist unemployed people with cvs, application forms, searching for jobs, improve interview skills.			Nidhi Sharma Tel:435817 Mob:07985878493
Just the Job	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 30th January-6th March 12.45-2.45pm. Looking for work and English is your second language? Learn to improve CVs, application form filling, telephone & interview skills and practice on this course.			Colin Christie Tel:436415 Kim Robertson Tel:435872

New!

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 or Caroline Bairner 438671 or 438680
Job Shop	Whitfield Library: Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am. Finmill Centre: Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am Mill O Mains Community Pavilion: Tuesdays 11.30am-1pm.			Carol Arnott or Caroline Bairner 438671 or 438680
Creative Writing	Finmill Centre, Mondays 10am-12noon starting 6th January. 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
Get it Together Guitar Group	Finmill Centre, Tuesdays 1-3pm starting 7th January. This group is for absolute beginners to accomplished players. The group learn from each other and there are opportunities to perform for community groups and at events.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Gardening Group	Whitfield Community Centre, Wednesdays 1-3pm starting 8th January. Looks at a range of gardening activities and how to do them without spending a lot of money.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Open Learning Together Group	Mill o'Mains Community Lounge, Thursdays 2-4pm. Interested in the green spaces around Mill o'Mains and care about its future? Then this group is for you. Offers the opportunity to gain a qualification.			Carol Arnott Tel:438671 Caroline Bairner Tel: 438680
Local & Family History	Finmill Centre, Thursdays 1-3pm starting 9th January. Involves participants in pursuing a research project on a subject in which they have a particular interest.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Introduction to Garden Planning & Design	Finmill Centre, Wednesdays 10am-12noon starting 8th January. This group will look at aspects of establishing and maintaining gardens, the design process and simple drawing. It would be useful for those seeking employment in horticulture/landscaping or thinking about further study.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641
Range of Adult Learning Opportunities (Coming Soon)	Whitfield Community Centre A repeat of our successful 'Try Something New' confidence building course, a range of family learning activities such as the popular 'Messy Play'. Other adult learning activities include 'Waste Not Want Not' & 'Speakeasy'. Call for further information.			Carol Arnott or Caroline Bairner 438671 or 438680



leisure & culture DUNDEE

Working in Partnership with Dundee City Council

Universal Class (online learning) offers FREE access to Dundee Library members to over 400 courses that range from Exercise and Fitness to Computers and Technology. With real instructors guiding the learning, video based lessons, and certificates of achievement learners can enjoy a fun and knowledgeable experience. To join a group in Maxwell Centre contact Colin on 436415.



Lochee • Charleston • Menzieshill

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details	
Make, Do, Mend	Charleston Community Centre, Tuesday 28th January-11th March 9.30-11.30am. Looking at design & sewing techniques, fabric decoration & recycling bits and bobs to make something new.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Job Shops	Lochee Clubhouse (above Lochee Library), Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm and 1-3pm. Menzieshill Community Centre, Fridays 9.30am -12noon. Charleston Community Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm.			Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432973 Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Job Seeking Skills Support sessions	Menzieshill Community Centre, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm. A chance to learn all the tasks involved in jobsearch in one session.			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 30th January-13th March 9.30am -11.30am. Basic cooking course looking at preparing quick and healthy foods.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Heartstart Discovery	Menzieshill Community Centre, Tuesday 26th February 1-3pm. A two hour certificated course learning life saving skills. Places must be booked.			Annette Miller Tel:432973	
CV Workshop	Menzieshill Community Centre, Tuesdays 9.30am-12noon. Come along and get help to produce a good CV. By appointment only.			Annette Miller Tel:432973	
Mosaic Project	Charleston Community Centre, Tuesdays 1-3pm. Adult Learning & Charleston Management Group is working with local people to create a mosaic to be displayed in the community centre.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Moving Forward Course	Menzieshill Community Centre, Thursdays 10.30am-3.15pm. FREE 6 week certificated course learning cooking and DIY skills. Bus fares reimbursed and gift of pots & pans or a tool set on completion.			Annette Miller Tel:432973	



Stobswell • City Centre • Hilltown • Fairmuir • Law










Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details	
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. Booking required.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872	
 Small Steps To Confidence	Caird Avenue Church Hall, Tuesdays 21st January-25th February 1-3pm. Take time to think about yourself, meet new people and look at ways forward to achieving your aims. Booking required – free creche available.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872	
Arts & Crafts	Maxwell Centre, Wednesdays 10am-12noon. Learners can work on a variety of different projects, depending on skills and abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
Mosaic Group	Maxwell Centre, Thursdays 9.30-11.30am. Learners can work on a variety of different projects, depending on skills and abilities.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814	
 Online Learning Classes	Maxwell Centre, Wednesdays 5th February-2nd April 1-3pm. FREE opportunity to gain knowledge of a subject of interest to an individual. 400 subjects available including: Computing, Psychology, Arts & Hobbies, History and Counselling. Contact Colin to find out what other subjects are available.			Colin Christie Tel:436415 Mob:07908727199	
Employability Guidance & Advice for Ethnic Minorities	Central Library, Wednesdays 10am-12.30pm. Support & advice for people looking 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 Mob:07908727199	
Job Shop	Maxwell Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm & Stobswell, Mondays 1-3pm. Open to anyone looking for work, help with cvs, application forms, letter writing.			Colin Christie Tel:436415 Mob:07908727199	
Stobswell Adult Learning Association	Morgan Academy, Tuesdays 21st January-25th March, 7pm. A variety of classes including: Guitar for Beginners, Digital Photography, Drawing & Painting, Conversational Italian.			Liz Allardice Tel: 435827	

SALA (Stobswell Adult Learning Association)

SALA offers a range of Learning & Leisure activities in Morgan Academy. For more information on classes available contact Liz Allardice: Tel 435827 or email liz.allardice@dundee.gov.uk. Please do not contact the school.

****Public enrolment on Tuesday 14th January at 6.30pm****

Ardler • St Mary's • Kirkton

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
Local & Family History	Kirkton Community Centre, Mondays 1-3pm starting 20th January. Includes researching your family tree & researching topics of interest.			Catriona McNicoll Tel:436415
 Baby PEEP	St Mary's Community Centre, Thursday 30th January-20th March 10-11am Kirkton Community Centre, Monday 20th January-10th March 1.30-2.30pm For families with children aged 0-1. Meet other parents and find out about activities you can do at home with your baby.			Ashley Clark Tel:435822 Carol Thomson Tel:436331
 Simple Baking	Kirkton Community Centre, Monday 6th & 13th January 1-3pm. Have fun making cup cakes, tray bakes and biscuits.			Catriona McNicoll Tel:436415 
 Messy Play	St Mary's Community Centre, Wednesday 5th-26th February 10-10.45am. Kirkton Community Centre, Tuesday 4th -25th February 10-10.45am Fun messy play activities for families with children aged 0-3.			Ashley Clark Tel:435822 Carol Thomson Tel:436331
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
 Introduction to Psychology (free if using Individual Learning Account)	Kirkton Community Centre, Thursday 23rd January – 15th May 9.30-11.30am. The course will give you the opportunity to discover what makes us tick. We will look at factors affecting human behaviours using different psychological approaches. Phone to book.			Teresa Fulton Tel:436314
Creative Writing	Ardler Complex, Wednesday Starts 15th January 10-11.30am. Are you a budding writer or poet? Come along to this group and give it a go. No experience required.			Catriona McNicoll Tel: 436415 
 Job Shops	Ardler Complex: Fridays 9.30am-12 noon. St Mary's Community Facility: Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm Kirkton Community Centre: Fridays 9.30-11.30am Attic Lounge, Beaulieu Avenue: Fridays 1.30-3.30pm			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359 Teresa Fulton Tel:436314
 Learn Thru Play	St Mary's Community Church, Tuesdays 9.30-10.15am. Fun interactive activities that encourage learning for families with children aged 0-3.			Ashley Clark Tel:435822
Ardler Primary School Homework Club	Ardler Primary School, Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm. Parents/Carers work with your children on their homework tasks with the help of School and Adult Learning Staff. Informal and fun.			Catriona McNicoll Tel: 436415
 Range of Adult Learning Opportunities (Coming Soon)	Ardler Complex & St Mary's Community Facility. A repeat of our successful 'Try Something New' confidence building course, a range of family learning activities such as the popular 'Messy Play'. Other adult learning activities include 'Waste Not Want Not' & 'Speakeasy'. Call now for more information.			Caroline Bairner Tel:436359

Douglas • Mid Craigie • Linlathen • The Ferry

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
New! Cooking Skills Course	Douglas Community Centre, dates and times to be confirmed. Learn the basics in kitchen, cooking and hygiene skills and build your confidence in the kitchen.			Jane Clark Tel:436942
New! First Aid Course	Hub Library & Learning Centre, dates & times to be confirmed. HSE certificated one day first aid course. Free to anyone receiving benefits.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643
CVs/ Applications	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Wednesdays 2-4pm. Support to create your CV and to fill in job applications.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643
Guidance	Hub Library & Learning Centre & Douglas Community Centre, day & time to suit. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643
IT for Job Search	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm & Douglas Community Centre, Mondays 9.30-11.30am. Helps to assist people who need to gain basic IT skills for Jobsearch, attaching and sending emails etc.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643 Jane Clark Tel:436942
New! Helping your Children Learn - Toddler Talk	Douglas Community Centre, dates & times to be confirmed. This short course explores practical fun ways to encourage and support your children to develop speech and language. Places are limited.			Jane Clark Tel:436942
Job Shop	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643
Walk & Talk Group	Douglas Community Centre, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am starting 7th January. An opportunity to improve your mental and physical health. Get involved in short health walks and then discuss issues important to you and your fellow group members.			Jane Clark Tel:436942
New! Speakeasy	Douglas Community Centre, dates & times to be confirmed. Talking to your child about relationships, growing up and sexual health can be difficult. This course will give you the information, support and confidence to answer those "awkward" questions.			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 2013. **Website: www.beradundee.org.uk**

Email: info@beradundee.org.uk. Programme available in Broughty Ferry Library from August. Please do not contact the schools.



New!

IT 4 WORK: This new project helps jobseekers learn how to use computers for jobsearch activities. To make a referral, call Kim on 01382 436314 or email IT4Work@dundecity.gov.uk



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