



learning in the community...

News and What's On **Autumn 2014**

Family Learning: Toddler PEEP

This is a 10 week course in St. Mary's Community Facility for families with children aged between 12 and 24 months. The course aims to develop parents' and carers' confidence in their role as their child's first and most important educator. Parents are also learning that early development and learning happens through everyday play and activities. The course includes singing, reading, active play, messy and sensory play and lively discussions. Some parents and carers are also undertaking Open College Network Level 1 accreditation.



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We are committed to equality for all. We have invested heavily in making our premises accessible, whenever possible, and we always aim to provide appropriate support to learners, regardless of ability or disability.

Coldside Family Activities - Holiday Provision

The Adult Learning Team, in partnership with a number of local and city-wide organisations, organised four activity based sessions for local families to attend and get involved in a variety of fun science, sports, arts & crafts and storytelling activities. The sessions which took place in the recently refurbished Coldside Parish Church also provided an opportunity for the adults to meet workers from local projects. They were able to provide advice on any issues relating to benefits.



IT 4 WORK: This new project helps jobseekers learn how to use computers for jobsearch activities. To find out how to join your nearest **IT 4 Work class**, contact:

Kim on 01382 436314 or text 07985 818 019 for a call back.



Introduction to Creative Writing

Some of the most memorable moments of your life may have been the result of someone creating a piece of writing. It may have been *The Billy Goats Gruff*, *Mr. D'Arcy* or *Francis Begbie*.

Whether you are a keen reader of books or comics, a gamer, movie buff or soap addict you have been involved in words that someone has placed on a page or screen for your entertainment or information. Everyone enjoys creative writing in one form or another. Imagine the enjoyment of being the creator. We can't all achieve what the writers of the work mentioned above have but we can have fun trying. Everyone has a story to tell and a unique way of telling it.

The more you write the better at it you get and the more you grow to understand the subject you are writing about. That might be emotions or your memories of times past. Creative writing can also help improve skills you might use at work, to get a job or to communicate with friends and family.

If you would like to give it a try don't worry if you didn't get the marks at school as you have lived a bit since then.

Contact: Alan Fraser on 438641 to talk about attending Introduction to Creative Writing.



ESOL Buddies Network

The ESOL Buddies Network was launched in June and involves matching ESOL learners with volunteers on a 1:1 basis to help them improve their English language skills. On referral from ESOL tutors, learners are carefully matched with a volunteer who they then meet on a regular basis to speak about common interests while ensuring the learner's needs are identified and met. Currently there are 11 enthusiastic volunteers who receive training prior to a match taking place and this continues throughout their time volunteering.



Feedback from all in the Network has been positive:

"This has been my first chance to have a conversation in English".

- *ESOL learner*

"I am really enjoying myself and I have learnt so much; my learner is great".

- *ESOL Buddy*

"The difference in them is amazing". - *ESOL tutor*

More volunteers are needed to match with learners in the New Year and if you or someone you know is interested in learning about different cultures and helping someone at the same time; please contact Nasreen or Teri at Mitchell Street Centre.

Email: nasreen.choudhry@dundeecity.gov.uk or teri.gillan@dundeecity.gov.uk

Tel: 01382 435808

Online Learning Group visit to Falkland Palace



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

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Just the Job	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursday 30th October-4th December, 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 practice on this course. Must be booked – free crèche available.			Kim Robertson Tel:435872
Job Shop	Mitchell Street Centre, Thursdays 10.45-12.15pm. 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

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
Heartstart Discovery	Menzieshill Community Centre, Tuesday 18th November 1-3pm. A 2 hour course learning life saving skills. A certificate is awarded on completion.			Annette Miller Tel:432944
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-12noon. Job search support and CVs.			Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432944 Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814
Guidance	At a venue, date & time to suit you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment. The workers for each area are: Lochee – Julia Fraser Menzieshill – Annette Miller Charleston – Joyce Guthrie			Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432944 Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814

Stobswell • City Centre • Hilltown • Fairmuir • Law

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New! Small Steps to Confidence	Coldside Parish Church, Tuesday 4th November – 9th December 1-3pm. Take time to think about yourself, meet new people and look at ways forward to achieving your aims. Booking required – free crèche 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
New! Online Learning Classes	Maxwell Centre, Wednesdays 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-2.30pm. 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 Kim Robertson Tel:435872
Job Shop	Maxwell Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12noon & Arthurstone Library, Mondays 1-3pm. Open to anyone looking for work, help with CVs, application forms, letter writing.			Colin Christie Tel:436415 Mob:07908727199
New! Stobswell Adult Learning Association	Morgan Academy, Tuesdays at 7pm. Subjects including; Arts & Crafts, Baking & Cooking, Italian, Yoga, Drawing & Painting, Fun With Fibres and Guitar are offered during the programme running between October 21 st – December 9 th .			Liz Allardice Tel: 435827
New! Stobswell Advice Café	Stobswell Church Hall, Tuesdays 11am-1pm starting 30th September. Supported by a range of projects the Café aims to improve access to services while providing support, help and information for local people on issues affecting them and their families.			Hayley Tunstall Tel: 438856

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@dundeecity.gov.uk. Please do not contact the school.

Douglas • Mid Craigie • Linlathen • The Ferry

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Psychology Taster	Douglas Community Centre, Thursday 6th November – 4th December 1-3pm. This course will give you the opportunity to discover what makes us tick. We will look at factors affecting human behaviours and discuss nature/nurture.			Teresa Fulton Tel:436944
 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 Teresa Fulton Tel:436944 
 Broo Crew	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm starting 30th October. Build your confidence, try new things, get informed about your choices.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643 
Jobsearch Group	Douglas Community Centre, Mondays 9.30-11.30am. Guidance, jobsearch assistance, help with CVs and applying for jobs.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643 
Online Learning Care Courses	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Wednesdays 10.00 -11.30am starting 5th November. Free online learning with Open University in care subjects. Learn as a group with the support from the Adult Learning Worker.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643
 Job Shops	Hub Library & Learning Centre, Fridays 9.30am-12.30pm. Douglas Community Centre, Fridays 1.30-4.00pm. Job search support and CVs.			Claire Shepherd Tel:438643 Teresa Fulton Tel:436944 
 Helping Your Children Learn – Story Book Making	Douglas Community Centre, dates and times to be confirmed. Opportunity for parents/carers to support their child’s learning by making storybooks, puppets and story sacks to use when playing with children.			Jane Clark Tel:436942 
 Mind Yir Heid Course	Douglas Community Centre, Thursdays 9.30-11.30am starting 25th September. Short course for adults exploring the link between social, environmental and economic factors and how these factors link to how you think, feel and behave.			Jane Clark Tel:436492 
 Helping Your Children Learn – Toddler Talk	Douglas Community Centre, Fridays 1-3pm starting 3rd October. Come along with your child (2-3 years) and find out more about playing and talking together. This programme explores practical ways to encourage and support your child to develop speech and language. It’s informal; we learn together and have lots of fun.			Jane Clark Tel:436942 
 Family Group – Walking & Talking	Douglas Community Centre, Wednesdays 1-3pm starting 1st October. Join us each week for a short walk and then we get involved in lots of different activities – cooking, arts and crafts, games and discussions. This group is for families with children under 2 years.			Jane Clark Tel:436942 

BERA (BROUGHTY FERRY EDUCATION & RECREATION ASSOCIATION)

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

Website: www.beradundee.org.uk**Email: info@beradundee.org.uk. Please do not contact the schools.****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.****Ardler • St Mary's • Kirkton**

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details
 Heartstart Discovery	Kirkton Community Centre, Tuesday 25th November 1-3pm. A 2 hour course learning life saving skills. A certificate is awarded on completion.			Annette Miller Tel:432944
 Family Halloween Event	St Mary's Community Facility, Friday 31st October 10-11.30am. Join us for some spooky fun activities. Come and meet us and find out what we will be doing in your area. For parents/family carers with pre-school aged children.			Komal Pawar Tel:435813 Catriona McNicoll Tel:436415
 Messy Play	Kirkton Community Centre, starting Monday 3rd November 1.15-2.15pm. Come and enjoy doing fun activities with your child. For parents/family carers with pre-school aged children. 			Carol Thomson Tel:435872 Komal Pawar Tel:435813
 Guidance	At a venue, date and time that suits you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment. The workers for each area are: Ardler – Joyce Guthrie St Mary's – Julia Fraser Kirkton – Annette Miller			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814 Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432944
 Job Shops	Ardler Complex: Tuesdays 9.30-12.00noon St Mary's Community Facility: Wednesdays 1.30-3.00pm Kirkton Library: Wednesdays 10am-12noon. Job search support and CVs.			Joyce Guthrie Tel:435814 Julia Fraser Tel:431836 Annette Miller Tel:432944

Whitfield • Fintry • Mill o'Mains

Activity	Venue	Day/Time	Date	Contact Details	
Guidance	Life Services Building, Whitfield on a date & time to suit you. For anyone looking for help to return to learning, training or employment.			Caroline Bairner 438676	
 Job Shops	Life Services Building, Whitfield, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am. Finmill Centre, Wednesdays 9.30-12noon. Job search support and CVs.			Caroline Bairner 438676 Alan Fraser 438641	
 Waste Not Want Not	Finmill Centre, Fridays 1-3pm starting 31st October A fun course looking at budgeting your money, recycling and reusing, healthy cooking on a budget, making handmade crafts, shopping on a budget etc.			Caroline Bairner 438676	
Get it Together Guitar Group	Finmill Centre, Tuesdays 1-3pm starting 28th October This group is for absolute beginners to accomplished players. There are opportunities to perform for community groups and at events.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
Root & Branch Gardening Group	Whitfield Community Services Complex/ Murrayfield Allotments, Wednesdays 1-3pm starting 29th October. Involves learning how to grow fruit and vegetables as well as developing gardens without spending a lot of money. May be useful for those seeking employment in horticulture or anyone interested in getting involved.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
Local & Family History	Finmill Centre, Thursdays 1-3pm starting 30th October. Involves participants in pursuing a research project on a subject in which they have a particular interest.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
Introduction to Creative Writing	Finmill Centre, Fridays 10am-12noon starting 31st October. This group involves people in developing their creative writing, whether that is short stories, poems, essays, reminiscence, scripts or other forms.			Alan Fraser Tel:438641	
 RHEIS Elementary Cooking Skills	Life Services Building, Whitfield, Monday 27th October-24th November 9.30am-12noon and 12.30-3.00pm A certified 5 week course covering basic cooking skills. Topics covered will be safe and hygienic practices, using and following a recipe, food preparation techniques and cooking methods.			Caroline Bairner 438676	

Family Fun at Picnics in the Park



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