

13 ADULT EDUCATION FUND (ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS) (AN150-2012)

The Broughty Ferry Education and Recreation Association is a voluntary Adult Education Association. The purpose of the organisation is to provide education, recreation and leisure opportunities for the residents of Broughty Ferry and Dundee. BERA offers an extensive evening class programme, based at Grove Academy, and receives support from local businesses in the Broughty Ferry area.

In 2011/2012 over 1,500 places were taken up on a wide variety of subjects including languages, fitness, IT and crafts. This is almost a 100% increase on numbers for 2011/2012, evidencing both the demand and popularity of this provision. BERA provides a valuable service in the Broughty Ferry area, which is not provided by any other organisation.

BERA have worked closely with the Adult Learning Section of the Council to successfully recruit new volunteers and promote the organisation

It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant of £2,850 to allow the organisation to continue to provide a very valuable and wide ranging evening class provision for the residents of Broughty Ferry and Dundee.

The grant will be met from the department's 2012/2013 Revenue budget.