

10 ADULT EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND 2003/2004 (AN198-2004)

Reference is made to the Policy and Resources Committee on 14th December, 1998 (Article I(b) refers) when authority was given to the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development to make awards up to the value of £500 to individuals and voluntary/community organisations.

During the period April 2003 to March 2004 a total of £6611.89, from an allocated budget of £7580.00, has been awarded to support adult learning in the community. The awards were allocated as follows:

- a) Support to Adult Education Associations (2 Associations) – **Total £3197.90**
- b) Support to Community Groups to maintain local learning initiatives (7 Groups) – **Total £1882.26**
- c) Support to 50 individuals undertaking part-time accredited vocational courses of study where funding assistance is unavailable from other sources – **Total £719.30**

In all cases, individuals were either not working or in low paid part-time work and would have experienced difficulty in undertaking or continuing with vocational courses of study, in many cases representing a first step qualification.

- d) Adult Learners' Week Fund (2003) – **Total £812.43**