

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Communities Committee - 15 January 2007

REPORT ON: Discover Learning for Yourself; Community Based Adult Learning Partnership

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Committee of the launch of the Community Based Adult Learning Partnership.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee notes:

2.1 the development of a unique Community Based Adult Learning Partnership, led by Dundee City Council, and supported by Dundee College, University of Dundee and University of Abertay.

2.2 the "Give It A Go" event, sponsored by Learn Direct to be held on 27 January 2007 in the Caird Hall.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The "Give it a Go" event will be fully funded by external grant assistance from Learn Direct (Scotland). The C.B.A.L. Partnership has been developed within existing resources.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability
None.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment
None.

4.3 Anti-Poverty
The setting up of the Community Based Adult Learning (CBAL) Partnership addresses the areas and objectives of the framework for tackling poverty and exclusion by directing people towards resources and services available from other agencies; developing participation and improving people's potential economic position.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The CBAL Partnership addresses equal opportunities by promoting equality of access to learning and puts in measures to support participation by excluded groups.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 The Community Based Adult Learning Partnership is a bringing together of separate working agreements which Dundee City Council - Adult Learning, have operated with Dundee College and the University of Dundee.
- 6.2 It brings together into one partnership grouping Dundee City Council's Adult Learning Teams with all the Further Education/Higher Education organisations in the city "to work in partnership to provide Community Based Adult Learning opportunities which meet the needs and aspirations of learners, supports progression, widens access and creates a culture of participation in lifelong learning".
- 6.3 It builds on the successful work already undertaken with Dundee College and the University of Dundee, which during the period 2006-2007, had 854 enrolments for Community Based FE/HE supported learning activities.
- 6.4 It extends existing arrangements to involve the University of Abertay and will be supported by Tayside and Fife Wider Access Forum, making it a unique partnership in which all FE/HE institutions and the local authority work in one partnership grouping.
- 6.5 It will link into the Dundee Partnership Lifelong Learning Group; ensuring that widening access to learning is a priority action.
- 6.6 The "Give It A Go Event" is being led by the Partnership in conjunction with Learn Direct (Scotland).
- 6.7 Learn Direct is providing sponsorship for the event of up to £20,000.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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