

Award winner's story

Family Learning through Football

Award Winner
North East

"Their original motivation is to help their children, but our programme helps them recognise that they too can be successful learners."

Family Learning through Football is an innovative programme that gives parents and carers the opportunity to learn with their children, and reached 1,563 families in 2011 alone.

Run by the Foundation of Light – the registered charity of Sunderland Football Club – the programme offers a mixture of classroom learning and physical activity to maintain the interest and motivation of learners.

Lasting ten weeks, the programme uses informal settings across the community, and its distinctive approach manages to engage hard-to-reach groups, such as dads and male carers, and people who are unemployed.



It encourages them to become more confident in their own learning and their ability to support their children's learning. The programme recognises family learning as a powerful way of encouraging adults back into lifelong learning and breaking the cycle of underachievement. It offers further progression routes that include Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy programmes, and accredited learning and employment programmes.

If you know an individual who has learnt with or for their family, or in community settings, they could be eligible for the Learning with Family or Community Adult Learners' Week Award. Projects that offer family and community learning opportunities can also be nominated.

Nominate now
at www.alw.org.uk/nominate

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It **will** help to change someone's life

Nominating an inspiring learner will boost their self-confidence and turn them into a role model that others can follow back into learning.



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Adult Learners' Week

18-24 May 2013

Learning with Family or Community



Adult Learners' Week:

- Recognises achievement
- Encourages participation
- Shapes the debate about adult learning

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The European Social Fund (ESF) aims to improve employment opportunities in the European Union by supporting Member States' employment and skills policies. In England, in 2007-2013, the ESF is investing £2.5 billion in jobs and skills.

What is Adult Learners' Week?

Adult Learners' Week is a national celebration of the benefits of lifelong learning and an opportunity to explore the many types of learning available to adults from all walks of life.

Events

It is the biggest annual learning festival in the UK and last year over 100,000 people participated in over 2,000 events. Staged by FE and HE colleges, large employers, government departments, voluntary organisations and charities, these events inspired, encouraged and helped adults into learning across the UK.

Education providers use Adult Learners' Week to showcase the learning opportunities they offer. Employers use it to support and develop their staff. For voluntary organisations and charities it creates the ideal opportunity to reach more people. It also provides the perfect setting in which to recognise their hard work and the achievements of the learners they support.

Awards

Each year thousands of people are nominated for the highly coveted Adult Learners' Week awards. These recognise learning providers and individual learners. There are awards for a wide range of categories including *Learning for Work*, *Learning Through Technology*, *Learning Through Sport*, and *Young Adult Learner of the Year*. Anyone can nominate a project or an individual for an award. You can nominate online at: www.alw.org.uk/nominate. Nominations for 2013 must be made by **5pm, Thursday 13 December, 2012**.



Celebrate and share your learning with our **'Learning through a lens' photo competition**

We're looking for photos of different types of activities that reflect family members learning together or learning that takes place in community settings.

Visit:
www.alw.org.uk/photocomp
for more

Learning with Family or Community

The Adult Learners' Week Awards celebrate achievements and encourage adults to take up learning. The Learning with Family or Community Award recognises individuals who have learnt with or for their family, or have benefited from learning in community settings, and projects that have opened up learning opportunities for these types of learning. Examples include family members learning a new skill together, parents improving skills to help with their children's studies, a reading group bringing members of the community together, voluntary work, etc.

By nominating for the Learning with Family or Community Award, you will be showcasing the active contribution that you and your organisation make towards celebrating excellence in adult learning. As a nominator, you will be able to actively participate in the regional and national publicity that Adult Learners' Week generates every year.

Join our national celebration of adult learning

By hosting your own Adult Learners' Week **event** and **nominating** inspiring learners or providers you are helping us to:

- Recognise achievement in learning
- Encourage participation in learning
- Shape the debate about adult learning and influence policy



During last year's festival:

- Over **75 awards** were presented across England
- Adult Learners' Week received over **1,300 award nominations**
- Adult Learners' Week was marked by over **2,000 events**

Celebrate the achievements of an inspiring learner you know by nominating them for the 2013 awards

National Awards Ceremony

The National Awards Ceremony is a key event and last year awards were presented by Vince Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. There was wide ranging media interest throughout Adult Learners' Week with national titles including The Independent, The TES, The Daily Mail and The Sun all covering the activity.

For a full list of the awards categories visit:
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