

Award winner's story

Street Life Soccer

Award Winner
East of England

"If I had never started to learn new things I would not be able to be in the position I am now or achieve the things that I have achieved"

Street Life Soccer began as a workshop at Norwich's main homeless hostel six years ago, and has since seen hundreds of homeless and vulnerable learners step out onto the football pitch.

Working with Norwich City Football Club's Football in the Community team, Street Life Soccer now runs daily Team Talk sessions of learning and a further hour of football coaching. Many of the learners have gained a first qualification and some have gone on to become coaches. With a variety of needs, from acute mental health disorders to dependency issues,



most learners are based in Norfolk hostels. Street Life Soccer also works with the Norwich International Youth Project to encourage refugees and asylum seekers to join in. The initiative provides personal support for individual learners. Those learners who have completed the programme often go on to work as mentors to offer ongoing support. Business in the Community offers guidance to learners leading to work placements, job tasters and employment.

If you know an individual whose learning has been in a sports setting or involved sports based activities, they could be eligible for the Learning through Sport Adult Learners' Week Award. Projects that provide those learning opportunities can also be nominated.

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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.

Adult Learners' Week

18-24 May 2013

Learning through Sport



Adult Learners' Week:

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

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Award Winner

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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 that reflect the many different types of learning through sport that takes place.

Visit:

www.alw.org.uk/photocomp
for more

Learning through Sport

The Adult Learners' Week Awards celebrate achievements and encourage adults to take up learning.

The Learning through Sport Award recognises individuals whose learning has been in a sports setting or involved sports based activities, and projects that provide these learning opportunities. Examples include football coaching, team games, athletics, outdoor adventure, etc.

By nominating for the Learning through Sport 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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