

## **COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT LEARNING RECOVERY FUND**

The Scottish Government has invested £1.7m into the Community-Based Adult Learning Fund. Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) across Scotland have been provided with this funding to help improve engagement of adult learners in community-based learning opportunities.

In North Ayrshire The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) and Arran CVS are working with North Ayrshire Council Community Learning and Development (CLD) to distribute £50,000 in grant aid. The North Ayrshire Community Based Adult Learning Recovery Fund invites grass roots, community groups and third sector organisations to bid for up to £2,000 for the delivery of community based adult learning activities and provision.

Community based adult learning (CBAL) covers a wide variety of learning opportunities, for ages 16 plus, which target learners who have multiple barriers to participation. CBAL should be built around the experience and needs of the learners and is underpinned by the 3 core principles of the Adult Learning Statement of Ambition; CBAL is lifelong, life-wide and learner-centred.

Based on local needs identified in North Ayrshire, we are welcoming any application from eligible groups that can deliver CBAL activities and provision around one of the following priorities:

- Diverse opportunities and support for adult learners to help them recover from the impact of COVID-19 and re-engage in learning.
- Adult learning opportunities with a focus on supporting educational, social and emotional recovery and renewal.
- Increased digital inclusion through the development of digital skills.
- Improved support for adult learners' mental health and well-being.
- Increased opportunities for adult learners to improve their health and well-being.

### **We will fund:**

Equipment
Staff costs (one off or fixed term)
Training costs
Transport
Volunteer expenses
Hall hire for community spaces

### **We cannot fund:**

Projects that are solely aimed at children under 16 (projects that would benefit care givers and parents would be eligible)
Any goods or services that you buy or order before we confirm the grant award
Items that only benefit an individual – for example, scholarships and personal clothing for individuals and equipment that is not shared
Routine repair and maintenance costs
Contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
Electricity generation and feed-in tariff payment
Political or religious campaigning
Profit-making/fundraising activities
VAT you can reclaim
Statutory activities
Overseas travel
Alcohol

Allocations will ensure a focus on initiatives **for adults (aged 16 and over)** which are inclusive of the following priority groups:

- Women (particularly women and young women affected by male sexual violence);
- People with a long term health condition or disability;
- People who are or have been on the highest risk (previously shielding) list;
- People from a minority ethnic background;
- Refugees and those with no recourse to public funds;
- People facing socio-economic disadvantage (people on a low income and living in an area affected by deprivation);
- People experiencing severe and multiple disadvantage;
- People with diagnosed mental illness;
- People affected by psychological trauma (including adverse childhood experiences);
- People who have experienced bereavement or loss;
- People disadvantaged by geographical location (particularly remote and rural areas);
- Older people;
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) communities.

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