Core Skills for Life Learning and Work

Community Learning Hub-The Mid Argyll Adult Learning Hub continue to have partners join them weekly including JCP and Carr Gomm and Welfare Rights are now also attending every two weeks. Adult Learning and regular partners provide information, learning, support, advice and sign-posting related to employment, further education and various life challenges. Other partners e.g. Advocacy Services, Occupational Health and Community Development link in and attend the service too when appropriate or a need is identified.

Adult Learning now also have a Literacy Worker in post who attends the hub weekly identifying learners and offering 1:1 support

The MA Hub is slowly building numbers and has had up to twenty 16+ adults attending at one time who need assistance and learning in relation to building their core/life/employability skills -moving onto a positive destination. The Hub importantly provides an environment for networking, building relationships with partners and learners, reducing isolation, building social skills, confidence and self-esteem

Lochside Enterprise Group- Lochside Enterprise group members are adults attending the Lochside ASN centre in Lochgilphead who meet every Monday. The group continue to work with Adult Learning with the aim of improving core life skills and wellbeing alongside developing their enterprise. The group have now completed two projects for their pop up shop and are currently working towards their summer shop. They have also been designing their new enterprise logo.

Health and Wellbeing

The Let's Grow Group in Mid Argyll continue to meet every Thursday. Learners attending are adults 18 – 65+ who are all disadvantaged in some way, in relation to their health and wellbeing. The learners are people who want to improve their HWB through participating in activities outdoor and in relation to nature, engaging in projects such as growing their own produce, outdoor skills, art in nature and woodcrafts.

At present the group are continuing with their garden and mural project at Ardfenaig Residential home for the elderly. The group continue to engage with the residents and their design for the wall mural is under way. The group also continue to volunteer in the garden and continue to work on making it over in time for the summer!

The MS Argyll-Snowdrop Give Back Group in Lochgilphead continue to work with Adult Learning to achieve their SQA Volunteer Award Level 4. All attending have long-term health conditions and volunteer in various capacities. The group work to improve their learning, core skills alongside their wellbeing as they connect and support each other on their journey and volunteer as part of the Adult Learning Give Back group.

Digital Skills

The Mid Argyll Learning Hub continues to support people to develop their digital skills. Individuals attend on a drop-in basis and we also have regular learners receiving 1:1 support from the Adult Learning Worker and Digital Skills Volunteer. We still aim to start up a digital skills course/group as soon as time allows us and we have identified learners

Your Voice

Community Centre Garden project- MA Adult Learning had spent a significant amount of time over autumn and early 2024 consulting with learners, community and working in partnership with the After School Club and Library in order to develop the community centre space into a shared garden. This is now on hold due the Community Centre roof repair making the space unsafe at present. The aim is to pick up where we left off as soon as the space is deemed safe again!

LGBTQ+- MA Adult Learning is working in partnership with area wide colleagues from both Youth Services and Adult Learning to plan, organise and deliver our second LGBTQ+ community engagement event with Oban Pride. With a very successful event in Mid Argyll last summer our second is being held in Kintyre this year. The event encourages young people, families and adults to attend to learn, connect and celebrate, and also provides a great

Adult Learr	ning Mid	- Argyll	April	2024
-------------	----------	----------	-------	------

Linda Tough –Adult Learning

opportunity for community voices to be heard	
on the subject, engagement and consultation	