



## Argyll and Bute Council - Community Learning Service update

**No one Left Behind Initiative:** assists people to progress into work/positive destination through delivering a range of programmes/activities. It is available for ages 16- to 67 subject to Criteria. The programme is a minimum of 3 hours per week for 12 weeks. It is free, doesn't affect benefits, is voluntary and referrals by person or partners. [Link](#)

**Digital Employability HUB:** Partnership with DWP/JCP alongside other partners to provide "Digital Employability HUB". Provides information/employability support every Tuesday afternoon through SKYPE sessions.

**Online Self -Learning Bytes:** Offers learners the chance to access short step by step interactive online courses to support them with CVs, cover letters, applying for jobs. Accessible 24/7 by learners. [Link](#)

**ASK AB:** A.S.K AB is an information hub for young people. You can keep up to date with the [Connect AB online activity programme](#), find out about relevant health and wellbeing issues, careers, education, training and other local opportunities. The Hub also hosts our dedicated confidential messaging service Mondays to Fridays when we have a qualified youth worker available from 2-5pm to offer advice and information. [ASK AB](#).

**Health and Wellbeing Project:** Supporting young people struggling to reengage with Education after lockdown. Funded by through [Youth work Education Recovery Fund](#). Total of 100 young people from 10 high schools, 12 week programme, 6 days of Outdoor Learning delivered by Hebridean Pursuits and gaining accredited learning [SQA Health and Wellbeing](#).

### **AB Youth voice on Lockdown**

[Youth Voice meeting](#) – "COVID-19 has had a massive impact on young people and their lives. We are recruiting a group of passionate young people from S1 to aged 25, from across Argyll and Bute to help champion these voices. Initial discussion on Thursday 11th February at 7pm is for anyone interested to hear about the project and voice their opinions on different issues such as impact on education, mental wellbeing, and the future." The meeting will be hosted by the Youth Participation group which includes Argyll and Bute's 3 elected Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Please feel free to email any questions to [rosie.sumsion.msyp@sypmail.org.uk](mailto:rosie.sumsion.msyp@sypmail.org.uk)

**Youth Advisory Panel** – A group of young people recruited to ensure young people's voices are heard when creating the Children's service plan. 3 year project lead by CLS, Third Sector, Health and Education and supported by the [Children and Young Persons Improvement Collaborative](#).

### **CLD Plan**

A wide range of statutory and voluntary organisations are involved in delivering Community Learning and Development (CLD) services to young people, adults, families and communities across Argyll and Bute. The Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a plan every 3 years' outlining how it will co-ordinate and secure "adequate and efficient" Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners. The current plan can be found here [Argyll and Bute CLD Plan 2018-21](#). Work has begun on developing the next plan, which has to be completed by September 2021. A number of local consultation exercises and focus groups will be taking place to help shape the content of the plan and we will report back to the Area Community Planning Groups on progress.