

Community Learning Service update

Youth Services:

Youth Action Groups continue to meet across the Authority and are involved with the planning and discussions and promotion around activities being offered for the Easter Holiday GIVE Programmes being rolled out in each of the areas. Young people are being invited to sign up.

Give Holiday Programmes is a Youth Volunteering Programme and Young people are encouraged to get inspired through volunteering and engagement. It is a great way for young people to have fun, meet new people, help their communities, learn new skills, and gain Saltire Awards and volunteering hours.

Transition and School Leavers Programmes are currently being developed for Summer Leavers across Argyll.

The New Youth Work Strategy is due to be published and made available this late spring early summer 2022.

Adult Learning:

Weekly Learning HUBS are established in almost all of the areas now with the rest opening Mid-April 2022. The Learning Hubs will provide support to Adult Learners who want to work on a variety of topics such as basic IT, employability, accredited learning and confidence. The HUBs will be another gateway for Community Learning Adult Leads to engage with learners and identify learner needs which contributes to running specific courses. Initially the HUBs will also be supported by some Partners and Community learning is currently looking to expand support through recruitment of volunteers across the Community Learning areas.

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Support has been identified as a provision gap since June 2020. Now that Adult Learning is being re-established we are looking to recruit ALN (Adult Literacy and Numeracy) volunteer tutors to help with this support. Once recruitment, training and Induction have been completed we are looking for some ALN provision to be in place July 2022.

The New adult Learning Strategy is due to be launched and made available/ published in May 2022.

New Scots and existing Refugee resettlement project/funded programme Bute. This a Partnership based project involving Argyll and Bute Council, Mount Stewart Trust, Argyll College, and LiveArgyll—the aim is to provide structured volunteering opportunities, SQA Accredited Learning opportunities and cultural and leisure service opportunities to New Scots integrating into the community as well as existing Syrian families already living in the community. As well as Improving community links another aim is to improve on the language learned through ESOL classes.

LiveArgyll has recruited and is managing (through Community Learning Services) a Community Learning and Development Worker whose role is to recruit volunteer mentors to support New Scots, existing refugees and speakers of other languages to integrate and take up these opportunities. Some examples are an SQA in Horticultural being delivered by Argyll College, Tree planting and Gardening/grounds volunteering opportunities at Mount Stewart, continued ESOL Classes, and

complimentary /free LiveArgyll memberships to access gyms and leisure facilities to improve and enhance health and wellbeing for both participants and volunteer mentors. The project will run until end of November 2022.