



## Community Learning Services LiveArgyll Update

### Youth Work Helensburgh

In addition to the continued ongoing Youth work and Adult Learning activities below is a brief update of some further information.

**Scottish Youth Parliament Elections** – The election will take place in November of this year. Any young person over 14 can stand as a candidate for Argyll & Bute for a 2 year term. Registration for any young person interested opens on 15 May. Youth Services staff will be promoting the upcoming election in schools from this week to generate interest. I will be coordinating the election process with Scottish Youth Parliament and Young Scot and attending training sessions and planning meetings from May until the end of October.

### New Youth Work Services Team Leader

Our New Youth Work Team Leader has now started and Wendy's contact details are:  
Wendy Reid email: [Wendy.Reid@liveargyll.co.uk](mailto:Wendy.Reid@liveargyll.co.uk) telephone number 01631572941

### Adult Learning

Family Reading Group at the Helensburgh Community Hub? The group runs on a Wednesday afternoon between 3.30 and 4.30. It is open to parents/carers of pre-school children, with their children. It is a friendly, informal group where we read stories and help to encourage parent/carers to read with their children, explaining the benefits and positive aspects of doing so. Led by Caroline Whitson with a team of volunteers are being trained to run sessions also. It is a great environment for adults who experience any sort of literacy challenges to come along and get the help and support they may need in order to allow them to read with their children. It also provides a great opportunities to meet other parents/carers in the same situation as them. It has been very successful so far with regular attendance from 8-10 parents each week. If the need is shown then we will add extra sessions. Working in partnership with the Community Hub and Gill Simpson, it also provides information on joining the Dolly Parton Imagination Library initiative, which is being co-ordinated by Gill at the Hub. Contact for this group is either Caroline or Gill.

Continued to be offered is short 4-6 week basic IT classes in Helensburgh Library. Open to all and providing absolute beginner tuition on all aspects of getting started in the digital world. Currently running on a Tuesday afternoon, next session due to commence in May 23. Contact either through Caroline or the Library.

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