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## UHI Argyll – Rothesay and Dunoon: Update for Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group 17/10/2023

Since the last meeting in August, staff and students have settled into the new academic year. This year, in a move away from systems put in place during Covid, we are now requiring all FE and HN students to attend classes from their local centres as opposed to logging in from home. Attendance from the centres affords better access to the wide variety of support that centre staff can provide.

Our 2023 graduation was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Queen's Hall in Dunoon. It was attended by 60 graduates and their guests from across Argyll, Bute and Arran.

We have introduced some new leisure courses which will run for the second half of semester 1 (Oct/Nov – Dec/Jan). The following courses are networked and are available at all nine of our centres:

- **Introduction to Garden Design**  
Tuesdays 9.30am-1.30pm. Starts 31 October, finishes 19<sup>th</sup> December. Runs for 8 weeks.
- **Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture**  
Wednesdays 9.30am-1.30pm. Starts 1 November. Finishes 20<sup>th</sup> December. Runs for 8 weeks.
- **ESOL Level 4**  
Mondays 6-8pm. Starts 6 November, finishes 19<sup>th</sup> February. Runs for 14 weeks (2-week Christmas break).
- **ESOL Level 5**  
Wednesdays 6-8pm. Starts 8 Nov, finishes 21 Feb 2024. Runs for 14 weeks (2-week Christmas break).
- **Beginners Italian**  
Mondays 6-8pm. Starts 6 November, finishes 29<sup>th</sup> January. Runs for 10 weeks with a 3-week Christmas break.
- **Beginners Gaelic – Understanding Language**  
Wednesdays 6-8pm. Starts 8 November, finishes 21<sup>st</sup> February. Runs for 14 weeks with a 2-week Christmas break.  
There is a Continuing Beginners Gaelic (using language) course planned for semester 2 (28<sup>th</sup> February-12<sup>th</sup> June 2024).

Dunoon will be offering a face-to-face leisure course:

- **Beginners Digital Photography**  
Fridays 11am-1pm. Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> November, finishes 19<sup>th</sup> January. Runs for 10 weeks with a 2-week Christmas break.

We are also offering the following commercial courses:

- **Scottish Certificate for Personal Licence Training (SCPLH)**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-4.30pm. Join from your local centre. Cost £120 (refresher £90).  
Available to book online on our website.

And Dunoon only:

- **Emergency First Aid at Work**  
30<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-4.30pm. Bogleha' Bowling Club, Argyll Street, Dunoon. Cost £85.  
Available to book online on our website.

Commercial courses can be run locally via all our centres if there are sufficient numbers. Anyone requiring to attend a commercial course can contact their local centre or our Commercial Development Officer, Julie Millar ([julie.millar@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:julie.millar@uhi.ac.uk), tel: 07385 433528), to enquire about this.

Our January-start courses are in the planning stages at the moment. We are hoping to be able to provide a verbal update on these at the meeting.

We have an open day planned for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, and provisional open days scheduled for January, March and June 2024.

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