

Lifelong Learning and Employability and Communities Team



Lasswade Team Update

December 2017

Welcome

Welcome to the winter edition of the Lasswade Team Newsletter, we hope you have a great break after what has been a very busy term for everyone.

Our highlights have been; going live with our Eventbrite bookings, a great uptake for our Duke of Edinburgh locally, delivering training to our community councillors, and young people meeting with elected members to discuss the proposed budget cuts.

Read on to find out more about opportunities for young people, adults and families happening in 2018!

Lasswade High Graphic Students

We were delighted to be asked to judge the S5/S6 graphic project whereby they were designing a table talker advertisement for LLE. There were 4 winners, each very different in their design, they are now in the process of being printed and will be displayed in the café area and the Lasswade Library in the new year.

Computing Skills for Life and Work

A free course for those who have little or no computer skills, or who are competent in IT but lack the skills/experience in utilising IT in job searching activities. It aims to equip learners with computing skills to effectively compete for jobs in the labour market or ensure they have the relevant skills to develop their employability.

Customer Services Award: Principles & Practices

This Customer Service Award is a short, compact Award which helps learners to develop the fundamental skills, personal qualities and knowledge essential in providing excellent customer service. In particular :

- effective communication and listening skills
- how to create a good impression with customers
- dealing with customers' needs (including customer dissatisfaction)
- Understanding why good customer service is vital to organisations

Contact the Lasswade team for more information on 0131 271 4535

Opportunities for Adults and Families

Focus Team

The Focus Team provide a 1:1 support service for adults (16 to 64 years) who are experiencing barriers in getting into training, education or employment. The criteria for qualifying for assistance is that they have a disability/health condition or are experiencing barriers such as literacy, numeracy, lack of skills etc. Support can be given both on a 1:1 basis and in groups to identify goals and vocational plans, secure work experience and support with getting into employment, education and training. Referrals should be made to llefocus@midlothian.gov.uk

Professional Development Award (PDA) Youth Work

This course is a SQA level 6 award ideal for people already working in a youth work setting looking to gain a qualification.

An induction session will be held on 15th January 2018 6-9pm at Newbattle Community Learning Centre for more information or to apply contact

Sharon.dalgleish@midlothian.gov.uk or Gael.belton@midlothian.gov.uk.

Job Club

Would you like help with CV's and job applications, to meet other job seekers, access to computers and the internet, free postage & stationery, advice on all aspects of job seeking all in a friendly and supportive environment .

No appointment necessary—just drop in

Join us in Lasswade library Tuesday 1 - 3pm, starts back 16th January 2018, for further information contact Rhona.more@midlothian.gov.uk

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Opportunities for Young People

Health and Wellbeing Group

Our Health and Wellbeing group will continue to run from 10-12 noon on a Wednesday at Bonnyrigg Primary School for people aged 16-19 who want to make a positive change within themselves. We are looking for people to come along in January/February 2018 and this term will run until the end of May 2018. For more information contact Valerie Clack – Tel: 0131 270 5627 or email Valerie.clack@midlothian.gov.uk

Employability Drop In

The employability drop in is offered at Lasswade library on a Tuesday from 3-5pm for 16-19 year olds who would like support with CV, job searching and careers guidance. For more information contact Stuart Inglis – Tel: 0131 270 5776 or email stuart.inglis@midlothian.gov.uk

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Midlothian Youth Platform

Our vision: To have an inclusive Midlothian in which young people realise their potential, become full and active citizens and play a key part in all decisions which affect their lives. If you would like to be a part of this please contact: Julia.ellison@midlothian.gov.uk

Bonnyrigg Youth Club - starts back 18th January 2018

Meets on Thursday evenings from 6.15–7.45pm at Bonnyrigg Primary School for P6 & P7s . Young people take part in a range of fun activities from arts & crafts to sports. 50p a session which includes a drink and a snack. For more information contact Valerie Clack – Tel: 0131 270 5627 or email Valerie.clack@midlothian.gov.uk

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Communities Team Update

Community Asset Transfer

Community Asset Transfer is the transfer of responsibility for an asset from the Council to a community group or organisation.

Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act Scotland 2015 sets out the key rights and duties and provides a framework for the Asset transfer process. To view the asset register and find out more please click on this link:

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/200284/your_community/487/council_properties

Army Cadets

36 Platoon Loanhead are the local Army Cadet Force who train on a Monday and Wednesday from 7-9pm on George Avenue at the back of the Loanhead Centre.



They welcome anyone from the age of 12/ S1 to come along. Some of the activities they do are military based such as Drill, Map and Compass, Field Craft, Military Knowledge, others have more of a community focus but they all inspire young people to challenge their limits, become more independent, confident and able to step up to any challenge while earning recognised qualifications along the way.

If you would like to know more then please get in touch with Derek Blackley, 351blackl@armymail.mod.uk, 01506 856698 or just come along.

Air Training Corps

2466 (Loanhead) Squadron Air Training Corps meet every Monday and Thursday night from 7-9.30pm in our base at Burghlee Terrace, Loanhead, EH20 9BW.



To be eligible to join cadets young people need to be 12 years old and in second year of high school. There is a charge of £10 per month to attend.

If you would to find out more contact 0131 448 2466 or 2466@aircadets.org

Why not come along to their open night on Monday the 29th of January 2018, anyone is welcome to attend.

Contact your Communities Officer, Catherine Duns for more information, 0131 270 5769 or catherine.duns@midlothian.gov.uk