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## May E-bulletin

### Dear David

Welcome to the Learning Link Scotland Network Bulletin keeping you up to date with the latest developments in Adult Education across Scotland.

## Learning Link Scotland Updates

**Dialogue with the National Agencies of Scotland**, 29 March event. The write up of the dialogue is available on [our website](#), as well as the powerpoint presentations by Scottish Government, Learning Teaching Scotland, Community Learning and Development Standards Council for Scotland, and Skills Development Scotland.

### Family Learning Survey

Learning Teaching Scotland (LTS) is undertaking a survey on Family Learning. It will take only a few minutes to complete and the information received will be used to inform LTS' priorities for policy implementation and practice development with regards to Family Learning.

The survey can be found [here](#).

## Member's Updates

### Volunteer Development Scotland (VDS) Event

As part of European Year of Volunteering 2011, VDS on behalf of the EY2011 Scottish Alliance, is bringing together stakeholders from across Scotland to discuss and share ways to recognise and accredit skills learned through volunteering.

**Event Title:** Recognition and Accreditation of Learning through Volunteering

**Location:** Edinburgh

**Date:** 16th June 2011

**Time:** 10.00 – 16.00

Delegates at this event will include participants from the Value Project: a pan-European project with partners from Sweden, Germany, Slovakia, the Netherlands and Scotland, who will share their experiences of validating learning through volunteering.

Read more [here...](#)

### Scottish Refugee Council changes

Due to the general economic situation and subsequent pressure on public finances, Scottish Refugee Council, like many charities, has had to deal with significant funding reductions. As such they have recently gone through a restructuring process, which has included changes to services and a reduction in staff.

Read more [here...](#)

### Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) events

The GWL is running a number of events in the near future, many of which are free of charge.

Highlights of the Programme include:

Women Make History: West End Women's Heritage Walk Podcast

Women's Stories: Oral History Session

Read more [here...](#)

## Areas of Interest

### Community Learning & Development Standards Council for Scotland

Over the next twelve months, the CLD Standards Council will be hosting a major series of seminars exploring views on the advancing of Scotland as a Learning Society. The Conversations will be held in venues across Scotland. The next large gathering will take place in Edinburgh on the 16th June at Murrayfield.

For more information please visit the CLD Standards Council [website](#).

### Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) Update

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HMe has today published Learning in Scotland's Communities, a report based on evidence from inspections of over 90 learning communities in Scotland. The report explores some of the drivers of change affecting policy and practice in learning communities. It provides an analysis of the findings from inspection activities and summarises the key messages. Finally, it sets out features of effective practice and areas for improvement.

For more information please go to [HMe's website](#).

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) update**

OSCR has decided to make a small change to their procedures: OSCR issues a Supplementary Monitoring Return form, along with an Annual Return form, to those Scottish charities with an income of £25,000 or more. Up to now, we have also issued guidance on how to complete the Supplementary Monitoring Return to these charities.

Please note that, from 1 April 2011, OSCR's Monitoring Return Guidance will be published online only at [oscr](#).

**"Would You Credit It?" Workshops**

The **SCQF Partnership** is holding a series of "Would You Credit It?" workshops throughout 2011/12 starting on Wednesday 24 August. These interactive half day workshops are for organisations wishing to understand the process for submitting their learning programmes to a credit rating body for recognition on the SCQF. These are free hands-on practical sessions for which a limited number of places are available.

For more information please see the [SCQF website](#).

**Scotland's Colleges' Money for Life programme**

Spaces are still available: this event will facilitate a discussion of why financial capability is important to learners, teachers and the wider practitioner audience, and will present ways of supporting learners to become financially capable.

For information and booking please see [Scotland's Colleges' website](#).