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## July E-bulletin

### Dear David

Welcome to our network bulletin, keeping you up to date with the latest developments in Adult Education across Scotland.

## Learning Link Scotland Updates

### Staff Updates:

We are pleased to welcome back Jayne Stuart to her role as Director at Learning Link Scotland after over a year on maternity leave.

In fitting symmetry, our administrator, Apsara Goonesekera, starts her maternity leave this week. Cover for her role will be provided by Nicola Macvean.

### Communicate and Learn

27th October, Glasgow Royal Concert Halls

The theme of our one day national event this year is communications. We've got two great speakers lined up: Gavin Cargill, from Value the Person, and Mike Stevenson, from Thinktastic.

For more information please visit [our website](#).

### Our Strategic Partnership Agreement with Scottish Government

If you want to learn what the SPAis and what we will be doing this year, as well as hear about our idea for a Policy Forum, you can read about it on [our website](#).

### Membership Update

Exactly half of our members have now returned membership renewal forms. Many thanks to those who have. A strong membership is the key to our learning community, so we look forward to receiving the rest of the forms soon.

## Member's Updates

### Workers' Educational Association Reflections on the Completed North East Workskills (NEWS) Project April 2008 - June 2011

Being part of the NEWS Project in the last year has enabled the WEA to deliver 174 different courses; work with almost 500 learners from 37 different organisations from across the City and Aberdeenshire with more than 100 of the learners being assessed for core skills unit.

Read more [here...](#)

### BRAG news

BRAG Enterprises youth employability programme was recently visited and praised by the Lord High Commissioner RH Sir David Clive Wilson.

Read more from a write up in the Central Fife Times [here...](#)

### Glasgow Women's Library Programme for July and August

Glasgow Women's Library has an exciting programme of events for women during July and August. They also run a range of introductory talks and workshops for groups across Scotland. If you would like to book for an event or would like more information, go to their website, [www.womenslibrary.org.uk](http://www.womenslibrary.org.uk) or phone 0141 248 9969.

Read more, including details of the programme, [here...](#)

### The Great Big Trust

Trail blazing new visions in learning: How the way we breathe affects the way our brain works, as well as how or if we can learn. It affects all aspects of our lives. There are new learning opportunities to develop your mental, physical and emotional potential to help others.

Read more [here...](#)

## Areas of Interest

Education Scotland

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Learning and Teaching Scotland and HME have now officially joined to form Education Scotland.

Please visit their new [website](#) for further information.

#### **New Lottery Fund for Scotland's Community Spaces**

A new Big Lottery Fund programme has been launched for community projects run for, and by, voluntary and community organisations to help local people take the lead in improving the spaces and places that matter to them.

Continue reading on [our website](#)...

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

These free interactive workshops are for organizations wishing to submit learning programmes to a credit rating body for recognition on the SCQF and are aimed at supporting individuals in understanding the credit rating process.

Continue reading on [our website](#)...

#### **Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework Partnership (SCQFP)**

SCQFP is launching an Employer Toolkit to assist employers in understanding how the SCQF can be used as a tool to support effective recruitment, skills utilisation and workforce development.

You can read the press release [here](#).

#### **£7 Million for the Voluntary Sector**

£4 million in grants will be provided through the Enterprise Growth Fund, while a further £3 million will be available in business support through the Just Enterprise programme.

You can find a news release on the [Scottish Government website](#).

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