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## August 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

### Register with the website

We just sent out invitations to [register with our website](#). A big thanks to all those who have. If you have registered and haven't had time to peruse our [Explaining the Difference evaluation toolkit](#), check it out - its worth a look.

### Communicate and Learn - National Event

27th October, Glasgow Royal Concert Halls

The theme for the day this year is communications. Gavin Cargill, from Value the Person, and Mke Stevenson, from Thinktastic are the two key speakers.

For more information please visit [our website](#), and look out for our publicity next week.

### Our Strategic Partnership Agreement with Scottish Government

If you want to learn what the SPA is 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 of Learning Link Scotland

Exactly half of our members have now renewed their membership. Many thanks to those who have. A strong membership is the key to our learning community.

## Member's Updates

### WHALEArts

WHALEArts has teamed with Stevenson College to offer a creative arts course for those looking to get into media and the art, and want to build confidence and experience.

Read more [here...](#)

### Sikh Sanjog

The Sikh Sanjog's cafe, The Punjab'n De Rasoi had a fantastic review in The Herald. You can read the full article here. Sikh Sanjog also offers Punjabi style cooking classes.

You can find more details [here...](#)

### Glasgow Women's Library

It's Glasgow Women's Library's twentieth anniversary on Wednesday 21 September 2011 and to mark this milestone they are launching a year of events, exhibitions and celebrations.

Read more [here...](#)

### Skillnet Edinburgh

Skillnet Edinburgh is offering free training in computing and English for black and minority ethnic people living in Edinburgh and the Lothians. Travel expenses and after school childcare expenses are provided.

Read more [here...](#)

## Areas of Interest

### Scottish Learning Festival 2011

Education Scotland is holding its annual Scottish Learning Festival in Glasgow this year on the 21/22 of September. This year there are more Community Learning and Development inputs to the Scottish Learning Festival than ever

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### **Transversal News - European Programmes**

Hosting a Study Visit 2012-2013 - Call for applications now open. Apply by the deadline of 30 September 2011. [Read more](#).

Participate in a Study Visit between March and June 2012 - Call for applications now open. Apply by the deadline of 14 October 2011. [Read more](#).

### **Engage for Education**

Have you visited the "Engage for Education" website?

"Engage for Education is a ground breaking online public participation project to enable people across Scotland's education community to engage directly with the Scottish Government about the issues important to them"

Continue reading on [the website](#).

### **The Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee Scrutiny of the forthcoming spending review and Draft Budget 2012-13: Preventative spending**

#### **General call for evidence**

The Scottish Parliament's Finance Committee have called for evidence on the Scottish Government's draft budget 2012 – 13 and spending review. Its focus is on 'the extent to which the Scottish Government is encouraging a more preventative approach to public spending and how this approach is being implemented and shared across key agencies'. The deadline for [submissions](#) is 2nd Sep 2011.

We are putting together a response to the consultation on behalf of voluntary sector adult education organisations. We sent out a survey to collect and collate members' views and evidence. You can still respond today- [click here to take the survey](#).

We would also encourage members to respond directly to the Call for Evidence.

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