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## September 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

### 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 Mike Stevenson, from Thinktastic are the two key speakers. There will also be shared learning from 18 Members at the Session Bites.

For more information please visit [our website](#), and book online: <http://www.suneymonkey.com/s/2GCKB3L>

## Areas of Interest

**Education Scotland** is looking to appoint two individuals on a part-time, fixed-term contract to support the implementation of Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020: Strategic guidance (ALIS 2020).

Please see [our website](#) for further information on the positions, including further information on the roles, a person specification, contact details, and deadlines.

The **Scottish Government's Spending Review for 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13** was released last week on the 21st of September.

Learning Link Scotland will be putting out an information briefing but in the meantime, the news release for the Spending Review [can be found here](#) and the full Spending Review and Draft Budget [is available as a PDF](#).

The Scottish Government also [officially responded](#) to the Cristie Commission.

## Members' News Items

### Lead Scotland: new information service for disabled learners and carers

Lead Scotland is pleased to announce the development of a new Information Service for disabled learners and carers in Scotland. This new service includes a freephone helpline and e-mail enquiry service, and is open to anyone with a disability or health condition (including those who support them) across the whole of Scotland. They can provide information and advice on a range of issues.

You can find out more information about Lead Scotland's new service on [our website](#).

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### Volunteer Development Scotland: forthcoming training

VDS is offering training in developing volunteers and volunteer programmes at their Stirling headquarters. You can find dates, details and costs for specific programmes [here](#).

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**The Worker's Educational Association (WEA) is offering a free professional**

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**development opportunity for ESOL practitioners.**

An ESOL Workplace Tutor Guide and Resource was developed by the WEA in 2008 and focuses on the needs of English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) learners in the workplace and the considerations that practitioners and providers need to be aware of when setting up ESOL courses.

The WEA has recently been funded by the Scottish Government to provide a series of training courses to give ESOL practitioners the opportunity to become familiar with this guide and resource pack. You can find details on our website under [member updates](#).

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The **Scottish Pre-Retirement Council** are running Retirement Courses in October and November 2011 at Anniesland College, City of Glasgow College, Coatbridge College and Langside College. [Their website](#) has further details and bookings can be made on line.

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**Sikh Sanjog has a vacancy** for a part time finance administrator. Please contact [Trishna Singh](#) if you are interested in the position. You can also have a look at [their website](#) for more information on the organization and further contact details.

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Elizabeth Bryan, of the **WEA Scotland**, is part of The Edinburgh Adult Education Group, which is launching **Adult Education Matters: A Framework for Community Based Adult Learning** in Edinburgh on Friday 30th September in Central Library.

All those involved in and contributing to adult education in Edinburgh are warmly invited to sign up for Adult Education Matters.

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