

The **SWAP Spark toolkit** was developed by the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAPWest) in partnership with CALL West, Bridgeton Community Learning Campus and students from several local partner colleges, including Coatbridge, Stow, John Wheatley, Clydebank and Anniesland.

The primary aims of the Spark programme are:

- To enable community outreach work to continue
- To engage with adults who wish to progress in education
- To support community education professionals
- To facilitate progression in education by:
 - Addressing major concerns and dispelling myths
 - Encouraging reflection and realistic expectations
 - Raising awareness of existing support services
 - Encouraging and supporting action

The main components of the Spark toolkit are:

- Videos
 - Twelve brief video clips (each under 10 minutes)
 - Not meant to offer “answers” but to raise awareness, bring up issues for reflection and discussion, and encourage action
- Worksheets
 - May be used as guide for discussion (instead of as a written exercise)
 - Encourages reflection and identification of next steps
- Guidance
 - Planning next steps and accessing support in local colleges and online
 - SWAPWest will be available for further information, guidance and support

Participants were recruited from community education centres in the Greater Glasgow area, including Bridgeton, Drumchapel, Coatbridge, and Easterhouse. They included three women and three men ranging in age from 25 to 52 years. Their subjects of study included basic literacy (writing skills), social care, makeup artistry, drug and alcohol addiction support, I.T. and history.

The toolkit is available for download free of charge from the Scottish Wider Access Programme web site (www.scottishwideraccess.org). To access the materials, click on [WEST] on the main menu, then click [SPARK] from the secondary menu. Links for each of the five suggested sessions can be found on the left side of the page. Videos may also be accessed using these links:

- Session 1 – College Quiz: <http://youtu.be/uEWYUyWREhQ>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Jade): <http://youtu.be/DuDxODH1T1s>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Gary): <http://youtu.be/Aj0Qe6VTKCM>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Maria): <http://youtu.be/Dfy5FPqCDrc>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Regis): <http://youtu.be/4ieNSKa4YLA>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Alex): <http://youtu.be/o-W8hkGUXog>
- Session 1 – Introduction (Jackie): <http://youtu.be/voOjJEvnVGY>
- Session 2 – First Steps Back: <http://youtu.be/Zl2pIP8qISQ>
- Session 3 – Academic Work & I.T. : <http://youtu.be/PSxIQVIHCAY>
- Session 3 – ALN (Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numbers): <http://youtu.be/4joo9-sbjC0>
- Session 4 – Choosing a Subject: <http://youtu.be/5A4Uo0A2sf0>
- Session 5 – Practical Steps: <http://youtu.be/p3YfMFmoUWw>

Further information (and hard copies of the materials, if required) may be requested from the SWAPWest office. The telephone number is 0141 553 2471.