

## ACE Cornton 2011

<b>Case Study:</b> ACE CORNTON <b>Attendee 1</b>	<b>Prepared:</b> December 2011
<b>Region:</b>  Cornton, Stirling Areas of need	<b>Description</b>  ACE Cornton is a community based adult learning centre located in an area of need. ACE is both a registered charity and company limited by guarantee and has been providing learning for over 20 years. During this economic downturn and high unemployment those already marginalised are finding it harder to secure gainful employment. The team are aware of local issues including the negative impact during this economic downturn.  Social mobility and health improvement are reliant on gaining and developing a wide range of skills.
<b>Main Partners:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stirling Council</li> <li>• Jobcentre Plus</li> <li>• Stirling Community Planning Partnership</li> <li>• Awards for All</li> <li>• The Robertson Trust</li> <li>• Forth Valley College</li> <li>• Stirling Volunteer Centre</li> <li>• Stirling University</li> </ul> <p>Local Community Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stepinstones</li> <li>• Community Action Planning Partnership</li> <li>• Castle Rock Edinvar Tenants</li> <li>• Cornton Credit Union</li> <li>• Corntonvale Prison</li> </ul>
<b>Learner background in brief:</b>  <b>Learner 1</b> - is a single unemployed mum who lives in the Cornton area. She continues to have difficulties with personal issues and has had to overcome significant barriers. Although she has to juggle many commitments she volunteers for a local community group demonstrating her commitment and interest in her local area.	
<b>Learning Experience`</b>  The Cornton Community Centre is my lifeline. I moved to the Cornton from a refuge in the area and found myself in the flat with two kids most days. I started going to a course at ACE to get out of the house. The staff at the centre helped me find childcare and paid for it as I have no one to have the kids.	

I enjoyed the first course so much I went back. I now do two classes a week an introduction to environmental resources class which the class has visited gardens and we have done a bit of gardening as well. We went to Polmaise waste tip where they make compost out of household waste and they are making their own energy.

I am doing a unit in my textile course so I can go out college when both kids are at school. I will be starting a College course in 2011 and with the ideas and skills I gained at ACE. I would like to start my own business; possibly along with other learners I have met through my course.

Attending ACE has benefitted my home life and given me the confidence to tackle issues.

**Achievements:**

**Learners –** achieved ‘Learner of the Year’ and passed her assessment for entry to College.

**Quantitative Summary: N/A**

Attended 3 courses each progressing in content and leading to further College or educational development.

**Recommendations:**

As well as learning support this learner would benefit from help with her career aims. Other personal issues continue to have the potential to create barriers to learning. Support for childcare needs to be considered. ACE is currently looking into how to begin to put some of this support in place working in partnerships with others.

**ACE -**

- Facilitating and supporting local people and groups to reach their goals and objectives.
- Educating and clarifying their contribution to health improvement for themselves and other partners.
- Promoting and signposting services and other programmes of work to sustain and continue to progress groups.
- Generating income into an area of need.
- Identifying funders and other partners to sustain projects and continue to build capacity.
- Multi agency working and productive sustainable networking.
- Tackling inequalities at a local level through increasing knowledge and practice.