

## October E-Bulletin

### Dear David

There's a lot in today's bulletin - read up on the Christie Commission and the 2011 Spending Review, RPL, who's using Twitter, training courses and news articles from members, and of course our national event Communicate and Learn.

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## Learning Link Scotland Update

**Mike Stevenson will be the afternoon speaker this week at our National Event**  
27th October, Glasgow Royal Concert Halls

Mike is the managing director of Thinktastic, a Communications agency, voted **Scottish Small Company of Year 2008** and acclaimed for its unique approaches to marketing.

One of the edgiest speakers around, Mike's mission is to champion **new ambition** and **big ideas** as the route forward.

He has worked with some of the most maligned areas of Aberdeen, Glasgow, Edinburgh and the North of England and is regarded as a **pioneer in social marketing**. He wrote a regular inspirations column in **Teaching Scotland Magazine** and has been advisor on marketing to the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation**.

**His challenge at Communicate and Learn is to motivate you to do things differently as a result of his input.**

The **2 for 1 offer** is still available - [book online](#).

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### **Our Briefings** on the Scottish Government's 2011 Spending Review and Draft Budget 2012-13

Read about the key areas of reform that are influencing the Scottish Government's Draft Budget [in our summarised policy briefings](#) on:

- **The Christie Commission**
- **Post 16 Education Reform**
- **Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13**

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### Twitter

We recently joined about 20 of **you, including** Deaf Action, STUC, Lead SCVO and Glasgow Women's Library on Twitter. We've found it to be a very effective tool for communicating with the sector. Along with Members, we regularly interact with organisations such as Education Scotland, Big Lottery Fund Scotland, CLD Standards Council and third sector interfaces.

If you're interested, [check out our profile](#) and [come along to our national conference this week](#), where we will be running an informal social media workshop.

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### Adult Literacies in Scotland (ALIS) 2020 Strategy

As part of our work supported by Scottish Government through the strategic partnership agreement, we are a member of the strategic group for implementing the strategy and two of the three working groups. The Professional Development Working Group (PDWG) is currently drafting "role profiles" for those involved in the delivery of adult literacies.

The PDWG is looking for feedback on these draft roles from adult literacies practitioners and would welcome input from practitioners at a "conversation" type event to be held on 24th November. If you are interested in finding out more or coming to the event, [contact Shirley Grieve](#).

## Areas of Interest

### Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Seminar

The **SCQF Partnership** invites you to attend their Recognition of Prior Learning

Seminar which takes place on **Monday 14 November** at the Radisson Blu, Glasgow.

The event will provide you with the perfect opportunity to hear about the latest developments in RPL and is an excellent forum for people with an interest in or desire to find out more in this area and in particular RPL for workforce development.

This free event will run for a full day and the complete programme can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

To confirm your place please [click here](#).

## Members' News Items

**BRAG Enterprises** held a Family Learning Event in September in conjunction with Family Learning Week and featured in the Central Fife Times.

**BRAG** is also developing a Food & Healthy Eating Project that works with their Local Homestart Project and is supported through the Local Planning Group and the Community Food Development Team. You can read more about the project, as well as the news article on the Family Learning Event [in the Members' news section of our website](#).

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**Parent Network Scotland** has put together a new leaflet explaining their work developing parenting support in local communities. If you interested in reading more, check out the flyer [in the Members' news section of our website](#).

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**Scottish Refugee Council** is running free manage your money workshops for Refugees in Glasgow from October through to December where people can learn about budgeting, bills, bank account options and more. They are able to offer interpreter services at some workshops.

Members are also invited to their upcoming autumn conference on the 3 November at Hamden in Glasgow.

For more information on the conference as well as further workshops being offered at a 2 for 1 rate, please [see the Members' news section of our website](#).

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**Volunteer Action Dumfries and Galloway** is offering a series of courses from September to March 2012 on how to effectively manage and utilise volunteers. Courses include: *Increasing Volunteer Effectiveness through Training and Development* as well as *Motivation, Retention & Development of Volunteers*.

There is also a free course for volunteers in Nithdale on Elementary Food & Health Training. It covers basic nutrition and eating for health; the relationship between food and well-being; and how to make dietary changes.

You can view the full programme on volunteer training and details about the food health course [in the Members' news section of our website](#).