



Colaiste Abaid a' Bhatail Nuaidh

Adult Achievement Awards

Community-Based Adult Learning Conference

Thursday 29 Oct 2015

National Adult Achievement Awards

- SCQF Partnership funded local adult achievement awards developed by Community Learning and Development (CLD)
- consulted widely on development of a national award for adults – positive response
- SCQF/Education Scotland set up Steering Group to plan national awards
- Newbattle Abbey College asked to develop national awards
- awards submitted to Edinburgh Napier University in Dec 2014
- Adult Achievement Awards credit-rated by Napier in January 2015

Features of Awards

- optional
- context-free
- accredit adults for their learning in a range of places: community; college; voluntary sector; volunteering; workplace etc
- accreditation at SCQF Levels 3, 4 and 6
- based on Youth Achievement Model – portfolio of evidence
- no entry requirements

- individual or group options
- support for learners from local tutors/mentors
- awards complement informal learning
- offer progression to further accredited learning – relevant to colleges
- based on Reflective Learning approaches
- support Statement of Ambition for Adult Learning: access and progression

Key Elements

- Adults should have been involved in learning in the past year – can also include current learning
- Learning Outcomes require adults to:
 - review learning
 - record learning
 - reflect on learning
 - plan how to further their learning
- Learners produce **Reflective Journal**
 - written or oral
 - aided by Learner Guide
 - supported by local tutor/mentor

- Reflective Journal must relate to Learning Outcomes (LOs)
- **Level 3:** 30 hours/750 words - 3 LOs
- **Level 4:** 40 hours/1000 words - 4 LOs
- **Level 6:** 60 hours/1500 words – 3 LOs
- Reflective Journals are signed off locally by tutors
 - submitted by tutors to Newbattle Abbey College for assessment and certification
 - journals can be paper-based/online/oral

Newbattle Provides

- Learner Guide for each level – includes preparatory activities
- Reflective Journal documents
- Tutor Guide for each level
- training and ongoing support, if required
- admin to support awards
- quality assurance/assessment
- certification

Role of Local Tutors/Mentors

- attend AAA training
- liaise with learners
- arrange introductory session for learners
- offer ongoing support with preparation of Reflective Journals
- sign off and submit Reflective Journals to Newbattle for assessment
- support re-submissions, if necessary

Policy Framework for Awards

- Adult Literacies in Scotland
- Mental Health Strategy for Scotland
- Early Years Collaborative
- CLD Strategic Guidelines
- Adult ESOL Strategy for Scotland
- National Plan for Gaelic
- Offender Learning
- Family Learning
- GIRFEC
- Skills for Scotland

National Developments in Adult Learning

Statement of Ambition for Adult Learning

- produced by National Strategic Forum for Adult Learning
- launched in May 2014
- reflects extensive consultation with learners and providers
- 3 core principles re adult learning:
 - lifelong
 - life-wide
 - learner-centred
- stresses need for accessible provision with clear progression
- partnership amongst providers essential

Progress

11 pilots confirmed for 2015-16:

- cross-sectoral
- across Scotland
- 200 learners
- Launch of Awards: Thursday 14 May 2015
- training for pilots from May 2015
- pilots running from Sep 2015 – Feb 2016
- reporting and evaluation of pilots with Education Scotland
- 9 March 2016: Dissemination Event at Newbattle with Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning

AAA Pilots

- **Glasgow Colleges**
 - includes 3 colleges/CLD/voluntary organisations
 - college and community-based programmes
- **Angus Council**
 - older learners in rural areas
- **Midlothian Council/Newbattle**
 - Rural Skills programme for adult offenders

AAA Pilots

LEAD Scotland

- adults with disabilities/volunteers

Youth Scotland

- volunteers working with younger learners

Highland Council

- Gaelic language in Inverness and Skye

AAA Pilots

- **Aberdeen Council**
 - traveller education/supporting local Management Committees
- **Dumfries and Galloway Council**
 - volunteers supporting community programmes/prison education programme

AAA Pilots

- **Inverclyde Council**
 - volunteers supporting community programmes
- **Dundee Carers Centre**
 - young adult carers
 - parents of young carers
- **Inverness College**
 - community-based programmes in Aviemore