Newbattle Abbey College
Adult Achievement Awards

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Recognising Learning

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AAA Features

- optional
- context-free
- not formal programmes themselves but can accredit learning in a range of programmes
- no entry requirements
- can be undertaken individually or in groups
- based on a Reflective Learning approaches
- offer progression to further accredited learning
- learners supported by local tutors/mentors
- flexible and inclusive
- the Awards are accredited at SCQF Level 2 to 4 and 6

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550 Learners including the following:

- volunteers
- literacy
- mental health
- physical disabilities
- life skills
- adults seeking employment
- adults with learning difficulties/additional support needs
- adults learning English
- adult offenders
- adults pursuing leisure interests
- younger adults on Prince's Trust Programme

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How Do the AAAs Work?

- Adults should have been involved in learning in the past year – can also include current learning

- Awards based on Learning Outcomes which ask adults to:
  - review learning
  - record learning
  - reflect on learning
  - plan future learning

- Learners receive:
  - Learner Guide – work book
  - Reflective Journal – assessed document

- Tutors/Mentors receive Tutor Guide

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Reflective Journal (for Levels 3,4 and 6)

- based on Learning Outcomes for each level
- **only the Reflective Journal is assessed**
- can be submitted for assessment:
  - online
  - orally
  - in written format
  - with support from scribe
- signed off locally by tutors/mentors
- assessed
- Certificated and accredited by Newbattle Abbey College

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Learning Contexts

- community learning programmes
- workplace
- home - carers
- college
- employability programmes
- outdoor learning programmes
- volunteering programmes
- prison education programmes
- sport/leisure

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Level 2

- the new AAA (Level 2) has been successfully accredited and is now running as a pilot with 6 organisations throughout Scotland
- Level 2 is assessed with a reflective discussion rather than a reflective journal

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The evaluation found that …

- 95% of learners who participated in the evaluation said that **doing the Award was a positive experience for them**
- 100% of tutors/mentors who participated in the evaluation said that **the Awards were a positive experience for learners**
- 100% of partner leads who participated in the evaluation said that **the Awards strengthened their organisations' learning offer**

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Learners described …

- increased confidence and self-esteem
- increased community involvement
- improved essential skills
- feeling ready to undertake further learning
- feeling ready to start volunteering
- feeling ready to look for a job

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Plans for the future

- new AAA at Level 5 is being developed.
- level 2 Learners Workbook has been changed to Easy Read format (Dyslexia Scotland and LEAD)
- the consortium approach has proved a popular and effective way and we are exploring this option with a number of different organisations

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Adult Achievement Award Film