

Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum (OLGF)

Action Plan April 2010 – March 2011

Introduction

The OLGf consists of 36 members committed to working together to develop learning and guidance provision in Orkney through effective networking.

The aim of the forum is:

A learning culture in which everyone develops enthusiasm and motivation for learning, determination to reach high standards of achievement and an openness to thinking about new ideas.

The objectives of the forum are as follows:

- To facilitate collaborative activities
- To facilitate and promote a culture of personal and professional development amongst practitioners
- To ensure effective referral and signposting arrangements
- To market individual organisation activities to the group

Strategic Background

The review of Community Planning in Orkney 2009 recommended a Strategic Learning Forum (SLF) be set up in due course to offer co-ordinated advice to and communication with, the OCPP Steering Group. It is hoped this group will also steer the OLGf as it is envisaged that the Chair of the OLGf will be a member of the SLF. It is expected that the SLF will take the lead on Orkney's local outcome on a learning culture, together with national outcomes 3 and 4 and represent a broad age group of learners. It will have cross over with the Employability Strategic group (which does national outcome 2) and the CEDOG (which does national outcome 11) but will focus on different things.

National Outcome 3

We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation

National Outcome 4

Our young people are successful learners confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens

Ways of Working

Meetings have concentrated on themed presentations and on the business associated with special events and productions. The meetings also included an activity update from members which resulted in sharing good practice and feed into the OCPP. A programme is issued prior to the meetings and any actions are recorded and circulated. Skills Development Scotland co-ordinated the communication and activities of the OLGf.

Activities 2010/11

- On Course: A Guide to Local Learning Opportunities– 12th edition – to be launched at community learning/open evening at Orkney College in August 2010
- Open Mic Session for front line staff of OLGf organisations in August 2010 in the MacGillivray Room, Orkney Library & Archive
- Open Mic Session for front line staff of OLGf organisations in April 2011 in the MacGillivray Room, Orkney Library & Archive

Themed Meetings 2010/11

Themed meetings will incorporate the twice yearly OLGf updates and will be held:

November 2010 – Protection of Vulnerable Groups – new legislation replacing current disclosure checks, Fraser Devine, VAO

February 2011 – Early Years Framework, Sandra Leslie, Orkney Childcare Partnership

Membership

- Activities and themed meetings are open to all colleagues of organisations delivering information, advice and guidance to the Orkney community.

Member Organisations

Skills Development Scotland

Advocacy Orkney

Employability Orkney

Heriot-Watt University: International Centre for Island Technology

Jobcentre Plus

NHS Orkney

Orkney Blide Trust

Orkney College

Orkney Disability Forum

Orkney Islands Council:

Community Learning & Development
Education and Recreation Department
Orkney Childcare Partnership
Community Social Services
Orkney Library & Archive

Orkney Training Group

Orkney Outreach Centres

Life Skills Central Ltd

University of Aberdeen: Centre for Lifelong Learning

Union Learning Representatives

Voluntary Action Orkney