



Community Learning Champions – Regional Launch events information.

This information, along with the application documents and links to apply to attend can be found at <http://www.niace.org.uk/campaigns-events/events/community-learning-champions-events>

Date	Location
19 Jan 2010	London
21 Jan 2010	South West
27 Jan 2010	West Midlands
28 Jan 2010	East of England
29 Jan 2010	East Midlands
2 Feb 2010	South East
4 Feb 2010	Yorkshire and the Humber
8 Feb 2010	North East
11 Feb 2010	North West

Regional Launch Events

The National Support Programme for Community Learning Champions (CLCs) - proposed in the White Paper The Learning Revolution (BIS 2009) – will be launched in the nine English regions during January and February 2010.

The aims of these regional events are to:

- inform participants of the National Support Programme and how they can benefit from it
- provide an opportunity to network and learn from each other and other relevant regional schemes and programmes
- discuss the future format of network support for the region
- discuss representation at the Community Learning Champion Voice group
- share information and resources that arise from other Learning Revolution projects

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Background

Community Learning Champions are enthusiastic volunteers who promote the value of learning to friends, neighbours and relatives. Across the country Community Learning Champions (also known as ambassadors, buddies and mentors) are known to make a difference to the lives of others and of the communities in which they live.

The National Support Programme provides an opportunity to build on and extend good practice. It aims to bring national coherence to local developments, raise the profile of the CLC approach and embed it in a wide range of activities where informal adult learning can enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities, especially those facing disadvantage and discrimination.

The Programme is funded by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and is being delivered by a consortium comprising NIACE, the Workers' Educational Association, unionlearn and Martin Yarnit Associates.

The National Support Programme has three main elements:

- a support package including a CLC toolkit, a training and development framework, a free training programme plus regional networks and a website
- a Development Fund which will fund up to 50 local CLC initiatives in 2009-11
- a branding and badging scheme to accredit CLCs and to raise their profile across the country.

Audience

These regional events will be of interest to:

- Community Learning Champions and managers of existing CLC schemes based in the region
- CLCs and managers from schemes which are benefitting from Phase 1 of the Development Fund
- CLCs and managers running CLC Schemes which have been funded through the Transformation Fund
- Those considering setting up CLC schemes in the future.

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Programme

10:00 Arrival and registration (tea/coffee available)

10:30 Welcome and introduction to the day and to the Support Programme

10.45 Getting to know about each other in the region

11.30 Tea/coffee break

11.45 News and input from regional initiatives and other resources from the Learning Revolution that can support CLCs or those who wish to work with them

12.10 The elements of the Support Programme – an opportunity to find out more and to make comments about:

- The Toolkit
- The Training Framework
- The Website
- CLC Branding and the Registration and Badging Scheme

12.45 Questions and answers

13.00 Lunch

13.45 Short videos introducing different approaches to CLC activity

14:00 Round table discussion

- 1) What do you want out of a regional network?
- 2) How would it best work?

15:00 Plenary- feedback and agreeing the way forward

15:30 Close of seminar (tea/coffee available)

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