

The newsletter of LWTT

# LINKED WORK & TRAINING TRUST CENTRAL

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## ABOUT US

Linked Work and Training Trust (LWTT) offers an innovative programme of education and work-based learning with a community development focus. Participants have the opportunity to work in a local community, and at the same time, to study towards a qualification in community learning and development. The qualification offered carries endorsement as a qualification in community learning and development and is awarded by the University of Glasgow.

The programme is designed to provide wide access to higher education and professional qualifications for people whilst meeting the needs of local communities and employers.

### Trust Partnership

The programme is delivered through

an active partnership of local employers and the University of Glasgow. The Trust Board comprises of representatives of the local Councils of Falkirk and Clackmannanshire, Forth Valley NHS Trust, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley, Central Scotland Police, the University of Glasgow, the voluntary and community sectors, workplace supervisors and the student group. The Trust is an independent voluntary organisation with charitable status and chaired by Cathy Peattie, MSP. There exists a clear community of interest from all parties and each one is committed to ensuring that the programme achieves its objectives. This is a key factor in our success.

### The Work-based learning and education approach

The approach of delivering the training as a work-based learning and education programme has particular strengths:

The programme is primarily field based. Learning is guided around the work the student is employed to do so that the practical experience of doing community learning and development work forms the basis of the programme.

Critical reflection and theoretical understanding grow out of the experience of the student.

Learners are supported to link key perspectives in national policy context to their work and experience in the community.

The training provided is in a supportive inter-disciplinary and inter-agency training environment.



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LWTT offers services and solutions tailored to meet your needs. We can provide short or longer courses on all aspects of working with communities. We can help you identify your training needs, evaluate existing training programmes and initiatives, produce purpose designed training resources, train your trainers.

## Training & Consultancy Services

Our staff have experience and a reputation for innovation in working with young people and adults and with communities.

We would be happy to discuss your training needs.

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## NEWS

In March this year the Falkirk Adult Literacies Team launched "Your Newsletter", a monthly newsletter for tutors and tutor assistants to post news and announcements, stimulate communication, publish and share examples of good practice, promote new innovations and partnership activities and Introduce 'guest contributions' by partners and other agencies. The newsletter is distributed via e-mail and by and can be found at [www.yournewsletter.netfirms.com](http://www.yournewsletter.netfirms.com)

### Festival of Politics

The first Festival of Politics will take place at the Scottish Parliament on 24/25/26 August 2005.

Take part in a lively debate, challenge a politician, listen to great music and see some famous faces including:

Anne Lorne Gillies  
Vanessa Redgrave  
Neil Kinnock  
George Reid  
Shirley Williams  
Pat Kane

More details and booking information can be found at [www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk](http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk)

Communities Scotland with Dyslexia Scotland has produced a guide to dyslexia for those involved in adult literacies in Scotland. For more details contact Don Mackie at Communities Scotland [don.mackie@communities.scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:don.mackie@communities.scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

**BEMIS (Black and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland)** is the only black led national umbrella and intermediary body representing and supporting the development of the black and ethnic minorities voluntary sector across Scotland, and supporting the diverse communities and individuals that this sector represents especially those underrepresented and disadvantaged.

For more information please contact, BEMIS, The Mansfield Traquair Centre, 15 Mansfield Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6BB, 0131 474 8045, [mail@bemis.org.uk](mailto:mail@bemis.org.uk)



### Free Community Leadership Training Edinburgh and Stirling—Summer/Autumn 2005

A set of free training events aimed at practitioners, volunteers and community activists in voluntary adult learning organisations are now available to book. The training will provide you with a set of skills to improve the way in which your organisation represents the needs of the community to policy makers.

For further information contact Gavin Crosby at Learning Link Scotland on 0131 553 7992 or [gcrosby@learninglinkscotland.org.uk](mailto:gcrosby@learninglinkscotland.org.uk)

## Scottish Centre for Regeneration

### "Promoting Excellence in Scotland's Communities"

SCR have developed a guide to tools and standards that will help organisations working in regeneration to improve their performance and support their continuous improvement. The guide outline a wide range of quality schemes and tools and will demonstrate the advantages to be gained by using them through practical case studies. For more information please contact SCR on 0141 419 1690 or [scr@communities.scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:scr@communities.scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

## Dynamic Place Awards 2005

Scottish Enterprise supported by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Communities Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, BURA and Regeneration and Renewal magazine have just been announced.

The three award categories are: Built Environment, Community Development and Connections  
Previous winners have included: Rosyth Ferry Project, the Falkirk Wheel and COPE Enterprises in Lerwick

Closing date for entries is 26th August 2005—for more information please contact [dynamicplaceawards@eventconsultants.com](mailto:dynamicplaceawards@eventconsultants.com) or visit the Scottish Enterprise website at [www.scottish-enterprise.com](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com)

## Continuing Professional Development

LWTT has worked in partnership with a range of regeneration agencies and communities across Scotland to co-ordinate and deliver work-based degree level programmes to groups underrepresented in Higher Education since 1995.

As a result there are currently 42 LWTT graduates and students working in the broadest range of regeneration occupations, with specialisms in a range of regeneration contexts and settings for example: housing, community planning, work with young people, economic development and community safety. The posts are with a range of public and voluntary sector employers in various local authority across Scotland.

### Scottish Centre for Regeneration (SCR)

The SCR is part of Communities Scotland and its work is informed by the Scottish Executive's Community Regeneration Statement, "Better Communities in Scotland: Closing the Gap". To help meet these aims the SCR works with those involved in community regeneration to:

- Develop the skills required for effective regeneration and help provide opportunities for people to attain these skills.

- Highlight and encourage the adoption of excellent practice.
- Support innovative thinking and new approaches to community regeneration practice.

### The Skills Framework for Regeneration

The Skills Framework for Community Regeneration came out of research commissioned by the SCR to study the skills required by those currently working within regeneration. The framework focuses on three distinct groups of skills that are needed for community regeneration work:

- Process skills help to enable change
- Strategic skills help to initiate and promote change
- Practical skills help to deliver change

### The CPD Opportunity

In agreement with SCR we intend to employ the framework to underpin the assessment of individual and group learning needs and means of addressing these identified learning needs.

Participants will be able to meet learning needs and work priorities by:

- Networking with a diverse range of regeneration practitioners
- Reflecting on current practice and skills level
- Exchanging experience and developing peer support
- Creating an individual learning plan
- Participating in a group learning programme

### Meetings

The first network meeting took place on the evening of 24th May 2005.

The participants and other interested former graduates have completed a skills identification questionnaire which we are using to plan a programme of training and information sessions to meet their specific needs. The training sessions will be included as part of the programme of network meetings.

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## LINKS TO LITERACIES

Links to Literacies is a project which aims to increase collaboration between local Adult Literacies Partnerships and the voluntary sector, thus increasing the effectiveness of adult literacies services, and ultimately the number of literacies learners. It is one of the Literacies Pathfinder projects funded by Learning Connections (Communities Scotland). The project is a partnership involving Learning Link Scotland, Careers Scotland, CVS Network, Volunteer Development Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Council Adult Literacies Partnership.

LWTT is the Link between the voluntary sector and the Adult Literacies Partnership in Falkirk. For more information or if you would like to become a network member please contact: Jacqueline McBeath, Learning Link, Suite 6, 2 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6JA, Tel: 0131 553 7992 or E-mail: [jmbeath@learninglinkscotland.org.uk](mailto:jmbeath@learninglinkscotland.org.uk)



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