

# Making it Happen

The Community Learning Newsletter - January 2016

## A Good Ofsted for Community Learning

Following a successful Ofsted inspection in November the West Berkshire community learning service continues to be rated 'good' across all areas with an outstanding range of courses and partnership working.

The service was the first dedicated ACL service in the south east to be inspected under the new Ofsted common inspection framework (CIF) that was introduced in September 2015. The short, 2 day, inspection focused on the improvements made since the service was last inspected in 2012 and assessed the quality of the service against the new CIF.

The inspectors were particularly impressed with the range and depth of the courses that addressed local community needs and priorities. There was also praise for the service's outstanding partnership work with specialist organizations that widens the reach of the courses to include vulnerable groups such as the elderly, homeless, LDD and people with low skills and few qualifications.

The skill and professionalism of the tutors and assessors were highlighted in the delivery of good teaching, learning and assessment and the subsequent high achievement of learners.

Dominic Boeck, West Berkshire's Executive Member for Education said, "I am delighted the Ofsted inspectors recognised the outstanding strengths of the community learning service.

It provides an excellent opportunity for adults to improve their lives through education and training and plays an important role in the development of local communities."

The inspectors report is available on the Ofsted website and can be downloaded at [www.westberks.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/adulteducation)



## Why the service is good

- ✓ Outstanding range of courses that address local need
- ✓ Outstanding partnership working
- ✓ Outstanding achievement in accredited courses
- ✓ Clear strategic direction
- ✓ Effective safeguarding arrangements
- ✓ Good teaching and learning
- ✓ Tutors motivate and inspire learners
- ✓ Learners' achievement is consistently good
- ✓ Effective tutor training
- ✓ Learners develop good skills, knowledge and personal attributes

## How we can improve

Over the remainder of this year the community learning team will be addressing three key improvement areas identified by the inspectors:

- More observations of learning to take place at the beginning of the courses to identify tutor training and development needs
- Greater emphasis on incorporating individual learner goals to support progression monitoring
- Embedding of post course progression tracking across the service to measure the impact of provision

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## Thank You

Community learning's success is a team effort and our thanks go to all the providers, tutors and learners who continuously work hard to develop and improve the service.

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