

Learning clubs and learning groups

Supporting self organised learning – practical workshop

Friday 29 October 2010 (PM)

NIACE, Renaissance House, 20 Princess Road West, Leicester LE1 6TP

Background

This workshop will explore how clubs and groups can be supported to arrange their own learning activities. Learning activities come in many forms and one part of the rich mix is clubs and groups which run their own learning activities. These learning clubs and 'self organised' groups take many forms - from the well known and well-established such as the University of the Third Age to small local groups set up by friends and neighbours with a common interest. They may be music groups, book clubs, health or environmental groups, photographic or craft groups, motorcycle or walking clubs: what they all have in common is that people are coming together to enjoy learning new skills and activities.

Audience

This event will be of interest to those who support the development of informal learning groups, including:

- Outreach and development workers
- Staff in museums, libraries and archives services
- Staff in the health sector who support patient self-help groups
- Staff or members of faith groups
- Voluntary or community organisations involved in informal learning
- Providers of adult learning courses who support existing learners to set up their own self organised learning groups.

Aims

This workshop aims to:

- provide an opportunity for participants to share ideas on different approaches to supporting groups and clubs which plan their own learning
- introduce participants to resources which can help them and the groups that they support including how to find meeting spaces and how to get the best from technology.

Since publication of the 'Learning Revolution' white paper there has been a growth in interest in learning groups and clubs which come in lots of shapes sizes and flavours. In the same way, the people who support clubs and groups come from a wide range of backgrounds so we hope that this workshop will also provide you with opportunities to network and to learn a lot from the experiences of others.

Clubs and groups offer just one way for adults to learn and in this workshop we will also explore how learners can move between self organised learning and more structured non-formal and formal learning.

For more information, to download an application form or to reserve a place online, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/events>

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Programme

- 12:30 Arrival and registration (lunch, tea/coffee available)
- 13:15 Welcome and introduction to the day
- 13:25 Why support learning groups and clubs?
- 13:40 Helping groups get started?
- 14:00 Getting the best from technology in informal learning
- 14:30 Finding spaces to meet: helping groups access spaces for learning
- 15:15 Supporting groups once they are up and running and helping learners to progress
- 15:45 Celebrating learning
- 16:00 Further opportunities: other information and resources available for supporting informal adult learning
- 16:10 Tea and depart

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the published programme in the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend. Participants have no claim against NIACE in respect of such changes.

Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 12:30pm for a 1:15pm start. The event will end with lunch at 4:10pm
- Event fee per person (includes lunch, tea/coffee):
£50 (NIACE Members)
£85 (Non NIACE Members)
NB: NIACE does not charge VAT on conference and course fees
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms (one form per person)
- Video cameras maybe be in use at this conference. If you do not wish to be photographed or appear on the video outputs please indicate this on the application form and make yourself known at registration
- Learners can opt out of displaying their names on the list of participants. Please indicate this on the application form
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

NIACE Events Team

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Application conditions

Event: Friday 29 October 2010 (PM)

Closing Date: Thursday 14 October 2010

- Cancellations are non-refundable
- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be e-mailed out one week before the event.

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The National Institute is active in many areas - in research, development, publishing, seminars, conferences and training courses, and has an active individual membership.

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Please complete the application in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

My organisation has authorised my attendance on **Friday 29 October 2010, Leicester**

Participant's details

Title _____ Full name _____

Job title _____ Organisation _____

Daytime tel No. _____ Mobile No. _____ Fax No. _____

Please provide an e-mail address that is your own and regularly accessed as this will be used to send you joining instructions.

E-mail

Please indicate which sector you work in: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

This is my Home address Work address

Joining instructions will be sent by e-mail, if you would prefer to receive these by post, please tick this box

Payment - NIACE does not charge VAT on conference/course fees (The signatory is responsible for payment)

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I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to NIACE

Please send me a receipt

I enclose Purchase Order No. _____

and request you to invoice my employer for £.....

Please note that the absence of a Purchase Order/ Order Number will delay the processing of your application form.

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Three digit security code on reverse of card:

Issue No: (Switch/Maestro)

Name as it appears on the card:

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Participant's requirements

I have no special requirements	I will require a hearing loop
I will need support for my visual impairment	I will need wheelchair access
I will need an electronic note-taker	I will need facilities for an assistance dog
I will require a sign language interpreter (please specify)	
I require event materials in a specified format (please specify)	
I have the following dietary requirements (please specify)	
I have further additional requirements (please specify)	
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Sectoral Monitoring

Adult Education College	Community Education Provider	Further Education
Government Body	Higher Education	Information/ Guidance Provider
Learning and Skills Council	Libraries, Museums, Archives, Arts	Local Government (inc. Ed Authorities)
Media	Offender Education	Open, Distance or e-learning Provider
Union	Vocational Education and Training	Voluntary Sector and Charities

Ethnic and Equal Opportunities Monitoring

Bangladeshi	Black African	Black Caribbean	Chinese
Dual Heritage	Indian	Other Asian	Other Black
Pakistani	White	Any other ethnic group	
Gender	Female	Male	
Age	Up to 25	25 - 50	50 - 75
			75+

Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature	Date

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