Developing a Learner Voice

20th September 2019
Right to Lifelong Learning: Developing learner voice

• This session will explore how learners voice can be heard in decision making and future planning to improve delivery and provision.

• What practice exists in Wales and beyond our borders and how can we build on this?

• Lived experience of learning is a powerful tool. Research tells us that “word of mouth” is often one of the most significant ways to reach and engage communities in learning opportunities.

• Could a network of learners be supported to do more to promote, encourage and inspire?
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Aims
• Developing learner voice and advocacy
• Review and refresh local outreach activity

How?
• Learn from expertise in countries who have developed similar activities successfully.

Where?
• Ireland - Aontas
• Slovenia - SIAE
• Netherlands – Learn for Life
• Estonia – ETKA Andras
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Ideas

• Train Learner Ambassadors and develop a Learner Sub Committee

• Tutor Forums

• Using Winners of Inspire! awards more in our current campaigns
CHANGE YOUR STORY...

“I feel like a different person. Learning has saved my life. I gained education, confidence and freedom and it’s helped me to deal with my own anxieties.”

My journey — “After having my son, I faced many personal issues, and the experiences I had in my childhood resulted in me feeling depressed and anxious which was impacting on my son’s social development. I knew that it was time to change. Through the job centre I found Communities for Work and I enrolled on a Childcare course. Getting back into education has given me the confidence to go further and I can now help my son when he needs it. I am now starting a course in Counselling as I want to help others overcome hardship as I once did.”

0800 028 4844
www.adultlearnersweek.wales
#changeyourstory
## Adult Learners’ Week Outreach Activity

Q2 'How did you hear about the Taster Session / Learning Activity you attended?'

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Union Learning Rep’s and Community Learning Rep’s
Discussion
Useful Links:

www.learningandwork.wales

www.youtube.com/user/niacedc

www.erasmusplus.org.uk/

National Learner’s Forum

• Representing the Learners’ voice
• Raising issues that Adult Learners face
• Encouraging politicians to see the value of adult learning
• Lobbying for resources for adult and community education
National Learner’s Forum

• Open to all Learners across Scotland

• Meets 3 times a year

• Organise Events

• Thematic Sub Groups

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Cross Party Group on Adult Learning

• MSPs debate and discuss with Adult Learners

• To influence Adult Learning policy

• To showcase how lives are transformed and celebrate innovation from around Scotland and Internationally