
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?

Erasmus+ Adult Learner Week Mobility

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

Learner Voice



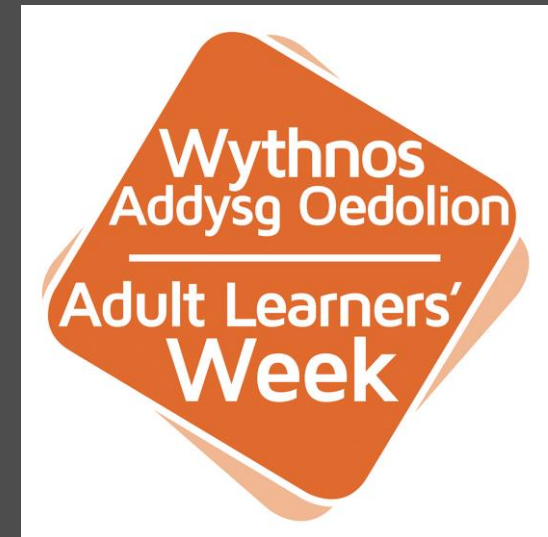
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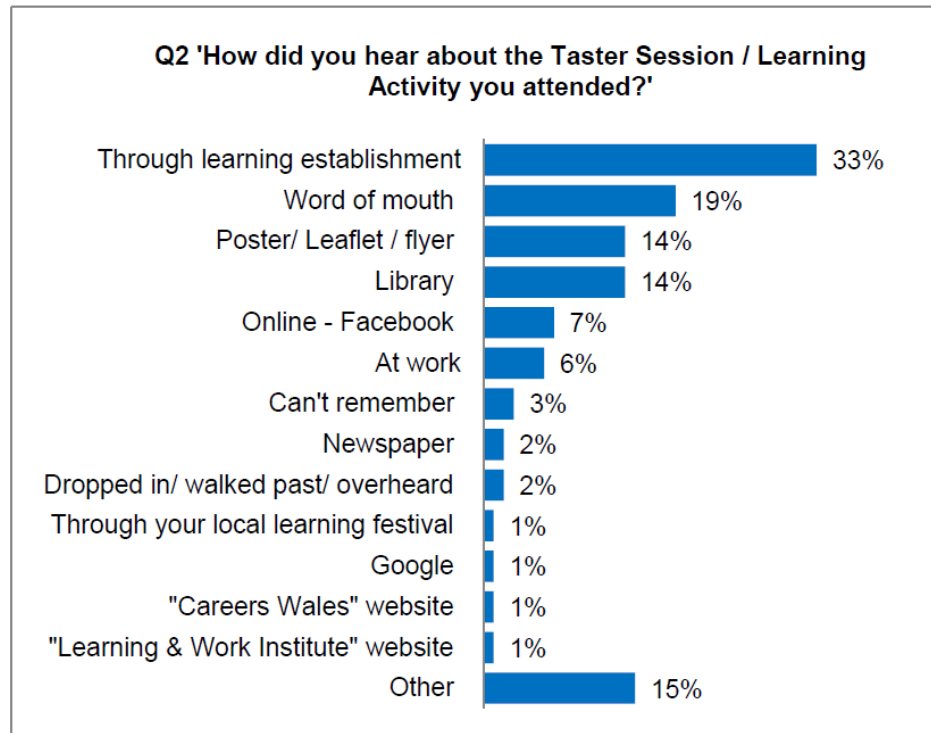
"I feel like a different person. Learning has saved my life. I gained education, confidence and freedom and it's helped me to deal with my own anxieties."

My journey ... "After having my son, I faced many personal issues, and the experiences I had in my childhood resurfaced leaving me riddled with depression and anxiety 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."

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Adult Learners' Week Outreach Activity



Union Learning Rep's and Community Learning Rep's

Discussion

Useful Links:

www.learningandwork.wales

www.youtube.com/user/niacedc

www.erasmusplus.org.uk/

www.learningandwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Barriers-to-learning-for-disadvantaged-groups.pdf



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
- **Learners' Voice**



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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**