

HAFLS : Breakthrough 2008

WHAT WORKS

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London Borough of Enfield: Key Statistics

- Population 280,000
- Adult Population 210,000
- 66% pupils have an ethnicity other than White British
- 56.2% of population have an ethnicity other than White British
- Adults with level 3 qualifications 62.5%
- Adults with level 4 qualifications 51%
- Adults with Poor basic Skills 22%
- Unemployment 4.2%

The Role of Adult Learning

Adult Learning has an important role to play in contributing to the development of employment-related skills, but it does more – **promoting social cohesion and active citizenship, creating and sustaining cultural values** and contributing to public health and general well-being in quantifiable ways.

Community Learning in Enfield

- Approximately 2000 enrolments
- Spans 5 sector subject areas
- Largely non-accredited
- Community-based (formal and non formal)
- Delivered in **partnership** with voluntary community organisations and colleges
- A targeted service

Enfield Lifelong and Community Learning Service

- Adult and community learning
- Family Learning
- NLDC (Neighbourhood learning in deprived communities)
- Study Support
- Playing for Success (PfS)
- ESF Objective 3
- Project work: Development Education, Learning Partnerships)

Priority Groups

- BMEs
- Women
- Older learners
- Adults wanting to return to study
- Parents of children in primary schools
- People with learning difficulties and/or disabilities
- Adults needing to learn English

Our approach to Community Learning

In the community
For the community
By the community

Profile of Learners

	2003/2004	2006/2007
BME learners	20%	58%
Male learners	19%	27%
Learners with learning difficulties and disabilities	6%	6%
Learners over 60	40%	21%



Success Factors

- Clarity of strategic direction
- Relationship between the Local Authority and partners
- Delivery model
- Capacity building
- Staff expertise/competence
- Commitment of partners
- Targeting of provision and resources

Direction of Travel

Short-Medium Term

- Focus on developing foundation tier learning
- Capacity building in provider organisations
- Portfolio of of curriculum enrichment and quality improvement projects
- Support the establishment of supplementary schools.

Long-Term

- Establish a high quality and sustainable community learning sector that responds to local needs.

Emerging Challenges

- Community Cohesion
- The Bigger Picture- the global dimension
- Intercultural learning and cultural competence
- Survival of the liberal tradition of adult education

A Changing Curriculum?

Money Management	Shorthand	Money Management
Chinese Cookery	Arts and Crafts	Creative Writing
Bookkeeping and Accounts	Arithmetic and Accounts	Flower Arranging
English for foreign students	Typewriting	Touch typing
Car maintenance course for owner drivers	Metalwork technology	Motor vehicle maintenance for women
Dressmaking	Needlework	Winter basket hanging
Parents and Children Today	Dressmaking	Parenting Skills