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Workplace Learning Advocates E-Shot – November 2013

Hi all

Welcome to the latest E-Shot for Workplace Learning Advocates.

DEFINITION – Workplace Learning Advocates (WLAs) are employees who encourage formal and informal learning at work.

Here is a roundup of the latest national training and support information. Please share with colleagues, volunteers, clients, friends and family.

KEEPING MATHS ON THE AGENDA

Free new Unionlearn Maths Champion Module. A short course for all those who want to help people improve their Maths. Useful for existing WLA Maths Champs or those new to the role - http://maths4us.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Maths_Champions_Interactive_Module_AW_Editabl_e.pdf

New Maths courses – Everyday Finance, Everyday Maths & Helping Children with Maths (may be a way of getting people interested) - <http://learningmathsonline.ac.uk/wp/>

The Maths4Us website is being updated regularly. Have a look at some of the resources - <http://maths4us.acumen.coop/courses-resources/maths-resources/>

FREE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MATHS CHAMPIONS WEBSITE

A chance for Maths Champions to network - <http://www.mathschampions.net/>

THE NUMERACY CHALLENGE

The Numeracy Challenge web link is still active for WLAs to promote (skills assessment and learning resources) - www.nnchallenge.org.uk/wla

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK & FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 2014 IS COMING

Changes this year with May 2014 being the start of the Festival of Learning culminating in a week of activities during 14-20 June - <http://www.alw.org.uk/>

Why not make a nomination for an award? <http://www.alw.org.uk/awards/2014>

Remember to use the WLA website to get ideas for activities you could deliver - <http://www.workplacelearningadvocates.org.uk/news/adult-learners-week-2013>

LEARNING AT WORK WEEK – 19th – 25th May 2014

Learning at Work Day is now becoming a week in 2014.

<http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/learningatworkweek/>

‘WLA SWAP A SKILL CAMPAIGN’ FOR ADULT LEARNERS WEEK

At the recent WLA North East Network Meeting we discussed WLAs sharing skills during Adult Learners Week. If you would be willing to share a skill with others eg going into another WLA company to share a skill you have with an individual or a group of people then all you need to do is ...

- Northern regions - Post some info on the WLA LinkedIn Group eg skill to be shared/length of session/one-to-one or group session/number of sessions you could deliver etc or pop an email to Liz – liz@learningadvocates.co.uk
- Midlands/Southern regions – Pop an email out to your local WLA Co-ordinator – Midlands - Roy – roy.harper@skillsreach.co.uk, Oxfordshire – Lucy – lucy.nichol@oxfordshire.gov.uk, London/South East – Kerry – Kerry@bitpgroup.com or Frances – frances@workbase.org.uk and South West – Kris – kris@kvfetc.co.uk

WLA WEBSITE NEWS

Look at the drop down tabs on the resources section of the website to see national and regional E-Shots, the latest case studies and newsletter – <http://www.workplacelearningadvocates.org.uk/resources>

Look at resources that have been developed to support colleagues to carry out a review in mid-life - <http://www.wlas.org.uk/support-colleagues-mid-life>

Remember ... A lot of resources are housed in the closed section of the website. You have to be registered to view the resources. Go to www.wlas.org.uk and click on Register Now.

FREE COURSES FROM THE WORKPLACE LEARNING PROGRAMME

Don't forget that Work Place Learning has funding for a range of qualifications - Maths & English and Levels 1, 2 and 3 qualifications (eligibility criteria applies). Go to this link for info on organisations who have been awarded funding – http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/SFA/ESF_contract_awards_2012-15_Published_September_2012.pdf

LATEST FREE COURSES FROM ALISON.COM

Go to www.alison.com and do a search for some of these course titles - Project Management, E-Commerce Web Strategy, Development of the Tourism Industry, Understanding Risk and Reward in Finance, Diploma in Business Management and Entrepreneurship and Diploma in Human Resources.

FREE NEW DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES - TRIBAL/UNIONLEARN

The application form is on the closed section of the WLA website. New courses - Principles of Sales and Info, Advice or Guidance - <http://www.network-publishing.co.uk/eshots/fullyfunded1314/unionlearn.html>

FREE LLOYDS MONEY FOR LIFE PROGRAMME COURSES

Accredited level 3 qualifications for people interested in supporting others to develop financial capability. Three courses - Teach Me, Teach Others and Money Mentors. <http://www.nsafs.co.uk/financial-education/lloyds-money-for-life-programme/>

FREE NEW UNIVERSITY LEVEL ON-LINE COURSES ON FUTURELEARN

Courses from a range of universities - <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

FREE WEBINAR FOR SMEs – AT WORK DRIVING RISKS – 12TH DEC

Free one-hour webinar - <http://www.brake.org.uk/events>

FREE E-SKILLS WEBSITE

Website to help people assess/improve on-line skills - <http://go-onyoucandoit.co.uk/>

FREE SKILLS FOR CARE EVENTS – NATIONAL

Find out more about apprenticeships, qualifications & learning - http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/events/2013events/learning_provider_events.aspx

TRAINING PROVIDERS WITH SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY FUNDING

Find out which organisations have been awarded funding to deliver training - <http://www.smartassessor.com/uploaded/documents/Copy-of-2013-14-Allocations---July-2013-Final-XLS.pdf>

ACAS FREE ON-LINE ADVICE

24 hour free advice and guidance on rights at work and employment law for employers, employees and HR managers - <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4495>

SOCIAL MEDIA SURGERIES FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Informal gatherings around the country of people who want to learn how to use the web - <http://socialmediasurgery.com/surgeries>

GOLDMAN SACHS 10,000 SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORT

Fully funded programme designed to help the leaders of established small businesses and social enterprises define/achieve business growth - <http://www.goldmansachs.com/citizenship/10000-small-businesses/UK/index.html>

PASSPORT TO EXPORT SERVICE

Programme for new/inexperienced exporters. Eligibility/initial fee - <http://www.ukti.gov.uk/export/howwehelp/passporttoexport.html>

RENT FREE GOVERNMENT WORKSPACE

Apply to rent government office space for free as a small or medium-sized business, charity or social enterprise (small fee for security checks) - <https://www.gov.uk/rent-government-workspace>

GREAT WITH DISABILITY WEBSITE

Lots of info for disabled employees, jobseekers and learners - <http://www.greatwithdisability.com/index.php#>

NEW GUARDIAN LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT HUB (SOCIAL CARE)

Free resources and features - <http://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/learning-and-development>

CREATIVE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME - FUNDING FOR APPRENTICES AND INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS & CULTURAL SECTORS

Wage contributions for young people - <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/our-investment/funding-programmes/creative-employment-programme/>

BURSARIES - FE TEACHERS

Range of bursaries (Maths, English related) - http://www.talent.ac.uk/news_details.asp?NewsID=2988

MUSEUM WRITING COMPETITION

Interested in getting English on the agenda in the workplace? Why not encourage work colleagues to enter this competition - <http://www.museumsassociation.org/news/17092013-museum-writing-competition-to-launch-at-liverpool-2013#!>

Finally ... Remember ... If you have any information you want to share with other WLAs then email it to Liz – liz@learningadvocates.co.uk

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