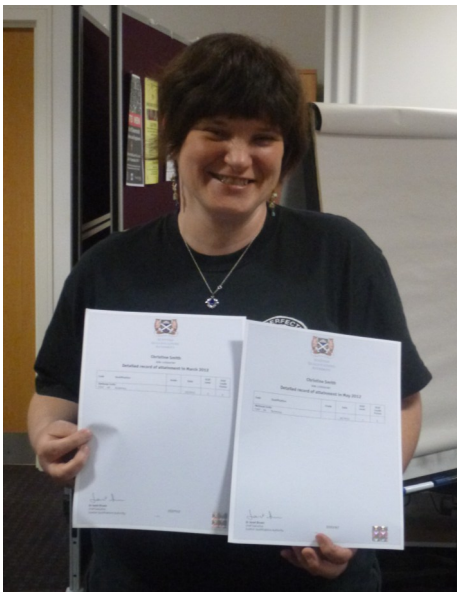


# ALFi

## Adult Learners' Forum Inverclyde



REAL LEARNERS  
REAL STORIES  
REAL IMPACT

"I would now say to those people who have experienced similar to myself, take the step there are lots of people out there who are willing and want to help you, just reach out and ask"

Dear Reader,

Adult Literacies classes in Inverclyde are not just for adults who can not read and write. Research by the Scottish Government has highlighted that almost 27%, more that one in four of the adult population in Scotland may face occasional challenges with their literacies. In a local authority the size of Inverclyde that equates to almost 17,000 adults.

Very often adult learners are just numbers on a spreadsheet or names on a register, especially when the number is as high 17,000. In Inverclyde, Adult Literacies Learners are much more than just a statistic. They are our friends, our families, our colleagues, our loved ones. The Adult Learners' Forum Inverclyde (ALFi) created this book to provide an opportunity for Adult Literacies Learners' voices to be heard.

Let us introduce you to the Adult Literacies Learners in Inverclyde and hear the impact being an adult literacies learner has had on their lives.

If you want to find out more why not email us at [alfi.inverclyde@gmail.com](mailto:alfi.inverclyde@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you,

Daniel McShane (ALFi member)



\*Source:

Scottish Survey of Adult Literacies 2009

Scotland's Census 2011

"I have been working on reading, writing, spelling and maths. I have used the computer to work on take away using a till to work out how much money I have left. I did well. I have also worked out change with money, different types of coins and change. 5p's are now smaller & £1 coins and notes have changed over the years. It has helped me at the shops, knowing how much change to give and get back."



Work life (looking for work)

I hope these skills can eventually help me to get back to college and I am already getting a wee bit confident at working computers whereas before I didn't have a clue what I was doing.

Personal life

~~It's helped me~~ Doing the work I have been has helped my confidence and self esteem. I hardly went to school and always wanted an opportunity to do further education and I hope to further explore the literacy and numeracy stuff I am doing here it's been quite fun & enjoyable atmosphere.



"I have worked on my writing. I am making sentences and have achieved level 2 core skills in communication, which I am really proud of. I wanted to do core skills for years. I have been improving my reading/spelling and writing using word searches, word cards and through writing (independent writing) using the words I have been working on. This has meant that when I was on holiday, I was able to send post cards to friends for the first time."



'I passed my Epilepsy Awareness course which I needed for my job as I work as a Support Worker with an organisation which helps people with disabilities. This has improved my confidence and understanding of Epilepsy.' - D McK



"My wife came running in to show me the card I had written. She could not believe that I had actually sent her a card written by myself for our anniversary." AR

"I did some work on numbers so I could help my son with his maths. I was shocked to find out that I knew more than what I thought. I am now more

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Personal life	Family life
<p>When I used to get letters through the door - I didn't understand certain things but now I do.</p> <p>Now happy with my writing - now do block capitals for CVs / application forms - never used to do this before - always mixed up big and small letters.</p> <p>Writing at home now i.e shopping lists, diary - makes me keep appointments and not get into trouble</p>	

Scribed by tutor

"I've did it... I'm really looking forward to September (2014) to start my nursing degree at Uni" KC





"With the help I've had, I've passed my maths exam at college and have got a place on the Nursing Studies course at Glasgow Caledonian University." LS



'I now understand where I was going wrong and have spent time working on ways that I can confidently price jobs. This will not only help me make money when I am working self-employed but also for when I am working within the construction sites.' JB



"On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, I was in town with my mum and my aunt. We went into a shop and I bought something and gave over the correct money. That was the first time I've bought something without getting support." JE

Personal Life	Family Life
in my Personal Life I'm now able to put thing on paper in the wright way. and I found it a lot better and easier to learn here then School as it was more personal and done on a one to one basis	I feel now I will be able to help my kids with there homework as this would befit me in the Relationship I have with them.

Work Life (looking for work)	Personal Life	Family Life
AS I was in the care sector this will help me do my notes better	I suffered from my adishion I didnt no how to right read spell but I have been givin that chance to learn it all again	now I can help my 2 girls how to right a letter of There own it will help them to learn
Work Life (looking for work)	Community Life	
when I am looking for Work I no how to right a letter now and put comas and full stops in that letter	help me to interact with the public better.	







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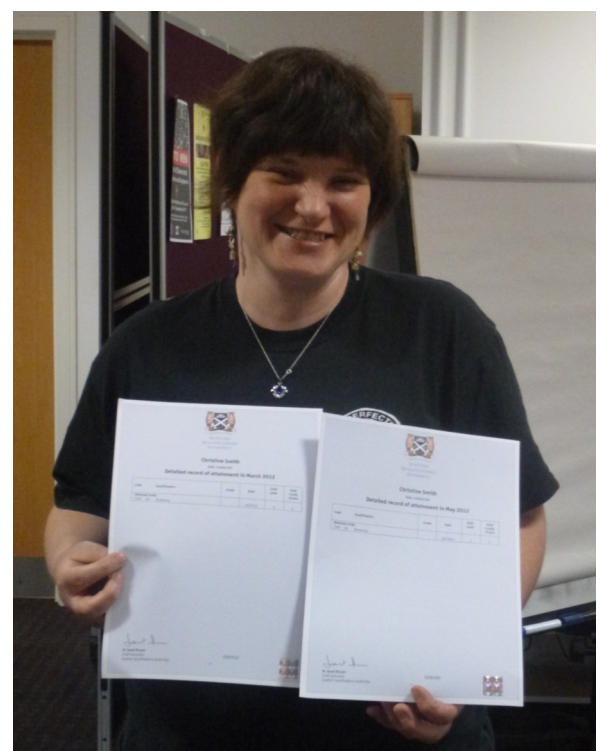
"I was trying to learn to read. I canny read so canny drive taxis. They give you a job that comes up on the screen. If you canny read what it says, you canny go to the street.

I drive taxis now and I can read 90% of it now." JM

'I can learn my goals I can do it on my own.' I can now do 24 hour clock and put it into o'clock and understand appointment letters now – happy.' - KH

"It was amazing! I sat with my children and read them a book on Tuesday. My oldest daughter read along with me (following the words on the page) and when I got stuck she would pipe up with the correct word. It was brilliant. They wanted me to read more." KB

"My daughter couldn't believe that the postcard was written by me." JW



## my Tuesday Group

since coming to literacy. I have learnt to count money I can go to shops and buy groceries. I am able to hand over the right money and check my receipt Also all to look at prices in Tesco.

I can now write a letter to my sister thanking her for the flowers for mothers day. I wrote a letter to my auntie thanking her for letting me stay with her.

If I hadn't come to this group I wouldn't have been able to go shopping or write my letters.

### 1. What difference/impact has being a literacy learner had on your personal life, family life or work life?

① my family is a lot better because I can read letters and new papers. read the subtitles on T.V.

I work for my self. it has helped me to read better  
② and write my paper work

③ I can help my grand son with his home work

④ I can read street names and shop addresses

