



It's Family Learning Week in Surrey

Monday 11th - Sunday 17th October



Family Learning Week (formerly Family Learning Weekend) is a national awareness campaign that raises awareness of the importance and scope of family learning to potential participants, practitioners and key influencers. It aims to strengthen communities and to create more opportunities for the family to learn together by encouraging organisations to offer a special family learning event in October each year.

"The Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership is very keen to promote family learning through our Community Learning Partnerships," says Kevin Delf, Chief Executive of SLLP. "A number of family learning projects take place around the county and during Family Learning Week the Community Learning Advisers arrange some special activities to celebrate and promote family learning as wide as possible."

The Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership is a member of the Family Learning Action Group and supports family learning projects around the county. As we go to press these are the Family Learning Week events taking place around Surrey:

Guildford

On Saturday 16th October 2004 at The Weavers Pub and Car Park, Southway, Park Barn there will be a Car Boot Sale from 9am-1pm with a TechITUp Computer Roadshow, Internet Access, Motor Mechanics Taster Sessions for kids and parents, colouring competition and information about learning and your community.

For more information contact Lucy Andrews, Community Learning Adviser on 07976 752813 or email guildfordcla@yahoo.co.uk

Staines

A Family Learning Day is coming to Staines again this year on Saturday 16th October, in Staines Community Centre, (next to Debenhams) between 10am and 4pm, for all the family to join in the fun and learn something new. Final arrangements are well underway for an action-packed day of activities following an International theme. Whether you come along to participate in the various activities, learn how to make and play a didgeridoo, have a go on African Drums, enter a colouring competition or just take in the whole ambience, this is something not to be missed!

For more information, contact Kate Shore, Community Learning Adviser on 01784 444222 or e-mail k.shore@spelthorne.gov.uk

Woking and Surrey Heath

The Early Start initiative is designed to enhance children's early development, and to help the parents to develop their parenting and other skills. It supports the national Skills for Life agenda for adult basic skills.

The County Council's Adult Community Learning team is currently running introductory workshops for the Noah's Ark Carers' and Toddlers' Group (Woking) and the Deepcut Army Community Parent and Toddlers' Group (see article on page 3). The plan is to continue this on weekly basis. Similar sessions are planned for the Watchett's ward.

If you would like more information please contact Sian Sangarde- Brown on 07748 804078.



Learning in Libraries

Libraries around Surrey are arranging events to coincide with Family Learning Week to celebrate "Learning in Surrey Libraries". Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk libraries page for up-to-date information on events later on this month.

Visit www.surreyllp.org.uk for more Family Learning Week news and events or <http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk>.

Family Learning Conference

The Family Learning Action Group, Chaired by Linda Piercy, Head of Adult and Community Learning, Surrey County Council, is holding a Family Learning Conference on 'Sharing Achievement; Building on Surrey Success' at The Runnymede Centre, Addlestone on Tuesday 12th October 2004. The keynote speaker will be Jeanne Haggart, Development Officer for Family Learning from NIACE.

The conference will provide the opportunity to:

- Celebrate what Surrey organisations have achieved over the past years.
- Hear what the national agenda is for family learning and new developments
- See how family learning could work for you
- Share with colleagues your own good practice or learn from their experiences
- Gain valuable insights into running successful family learning activities

There will also be the opportunity to take part in family learning workshops such as 'Rhythm Riot' and 'Emerging Literacy'. If you would like more information please contact Olive Tarrant on 01932 794171 or email olive.tarrant@surreycc.gov.uk.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Two New Community Learning Advisers for Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership



Charlene Keddy

Charlene Keddy has been appointed as Community Learning Adviser for East Surrey and Banstead, Epsom & Ewell Community Learning Partnerships and Rachel Fry has been appointed Community Learning Adviser for Elmbridge and Mole Valley Community Learning Partnerships by the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership.

Charlene started her work in the field of education in 1993 as an ESL instructor in Finland. In 1995 she became the administrator for the Fredericton Literacy Council, Canada,

where she was involved with volunteer tutor training, learner assessment, and instructing basic literacy and numeracy students. Says Charlene: *"I am really excited to take on the position of Community Learning Adviser for the regions of East Surrey and Banstead, Epsom and Ewell and I'm really looking forward to meeting members of the community and working together to meet their learning needs."*

Adds Kevin Delf, Chief Executive of the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership: *"I am really pleased that Charlene has come on board with us. She has had a lot of experience within the field of learning, and at an international level! We hope that she will be able to use this experience to reach those who want to learn but haven't for some time across the east side of Surrey."*

Rachel Fry graduated in 2000 with a BA (Hons) Sociology and Politics. She started her career with Hays Accountancy Personnel and moved into the public sector area as a Senior Finance Consultant. In June 2003 Rachel moved on to Guildford College in a client/customer focused role again this time mentoring and reviewing Modern Apprenticeship students as well as sourcing work placements across a



Rachel Fry

range of industries for full-time students.

"I am really pleased that Rachel has come on board with us." Says Kevin, "Rachel is relatively new to the learning arena, but she has a lot of commercial experience and I hope that this, together with her fresh ideas will help to stimulate a lot of activities in both Mole Valley and Elmbridge."

Contact Charlene at East Surrey College on 01737 788322 or email literacy_ck@yahoo.co.uk. Contact Rachel at Brooklands College on 07840111004 or email rfry@brooklands.ac.uk.

Mole Valley Mums Gain New Parenting Skills

Parents Kate Woodward, Michelle Motley, Cara Robertshaw, Charlotte Hoyle, Caroline Ede and Anita Turner were each given a certificate of achievement after attending parenting courses organised by Mole Valley Community Learning Partnership and Surrey Adult and Community Learning at Redlands Primary School, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, Surrey.

Marianne Christian, Redlands Playlink Project Leader, said: "Some of the parents attending the IT courses have expressed their wish to pursue further learning in this subject. There has also been interest from other parents attending the Playlink drop in groups, to learn more about first aid. The 'Bitesize' sessions have been so successful that we are in liaison with Mole Valley Community Learning Partnership and Surrey Adult and Community Learning to

running another series of short courses.

Redlands Community Playlink provided the crèche to enable the parents to attend and Redlands Primary School provided the accommodation for the courses. The short courses were designed to provide parents with advice and guidance on the difficult task of raising their children in a safe and caring environment. Course titles such as 'First Aid for the Under 5's' and 'Computing for the Terrified' give a flavour of the informal and gentle nature of the learning.

The 'First Aid for the Under 5's' short course looked at how parents should treat their child's minor ailments and injuries. Demonstrations were given on such subjects as how best to treat slight sprains and light grazes. 'Computing for the Terrified' was a low key introduction in how

to use computers - something their children will do on entering Redlands Primary or other local junior schools".

For more information on this project contact Marianne Christian, Redlands Community Playlink, Goodwyns Rd, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 2LR. Telephone: 01306 740095.





Budding DJ's

A free DJ workshop was held at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford for people aged 18-30. The taster learning session was organised by Lucy Andrews, Community Learning Adviser for Guildford Community Learning Partnership as part of five different sessions including drumming, guitar playing, vocal and studio and production workshop. Says Lucy: "The music sessions were for people who were not currently in any form of learning and proved very popular! We hope to work with the Academy of Contemporary Music to put on more sessions in the future."

How Surrey Heath CLP Supports the Deepcut Army Community

Adults in the Community

The Deepcut army community is a small and relatively isolated community that is in real need of more support as it has recently had its primary school closed down. Since its inception four years ago Surrey Heath Community Learning Partnership has viewed engaging with this community as a priority. Because of the nature of the Army Community (its structure and the regular movement of personnel) it has proved difficult to engage, until now...

Sian Sangarde-Brown, Community Learning Adviser for Surrey Heath CLP has been working with the Army Community Worker to access the adults within the community through their children to address basic skills needs, build up trust and develop their interests.

Sian first arranged for the mothers of an Army Family 'parent and toddler' group, to receive some first aid training focusing on the under 5 age range. "The same group then had a face-painting session and were so motivated

by it that since this session in early 2004, the mothers have been facilitating their own arts and crafts sessions one afternoon per week," says Sian.

Sian has also facilitated the introduction of an Early Start initiative for this group in Deepcut. "Early Start aims to help parents enhance their children's early development, and help parents develop their own skills, by providing relevant activities for babies and young children. It forms part of the national Skills for Life agenda for adult basic skills," adds Sian.

Surrey County Council Adult Community Learning's Widening Participation Team is working with the Community Worker to introduce the scheme. During the workshops, there are separate sessions for parents and children. Also encouraged are 'joint time' and 'home time' activities for parents to carry out with their children at home. It is hoped that family numeracy will be introduced in January 2005.

Deepcut Youth Club

Surrey Heath CLP has worked with the Army Youth Worker to develop and improve support offered to the young people of Deepcut:

- Connexions have already provided leaflet dispenser boards and will also be installing a free telephone line to "Connexions Direct" for information and advice. They also plan to install computers with Internet access.
- The Surrey County Council Youth Service has offered support with community cohesion work.
- From September, the Youth Service is using some of its resource to fund two extra evening youth club sessions at the Deepcut Community Centre.

The Deepcut Youth Media Project

This project was funded by the Local Network Fund and during the summer term 2004 the young people explored a series of social issues that are important to them and their lives. Through games, drama exercises, discussions and research they explored issues such as:

- Bullying & Peer Pressure
- Moving Home & Making new Friends
- Drugs & Anti-Social Behaviour
- Future Prospects & Preparing for the Workplace

Throughout the project not only the participant's performance skills improved, but also their confidence, communication and social skills.

Final Shows were in June; the first performance was by 8 - 11 year olds from Blackdown Primary School about issues involving bullying, peer pressure, moving home and making new

friends. The second show involved the 12 - 18 year old young people from the Deepcut Community Youth Club and was about drug issues and future prospects in an entertaining sketch show.

Says Sian: "*Carrying on from the Deepcut Youth Media Project, the young people involved have shown interest in planning a Peer Mentoring Project. This is at the planning stage and will commence towards the end of 2004.*"

In all, Surrey Heath CLP has enabled the Deepcut Community to think about how they want to change the way they live, work and learn. The community is beginning to challenge itself and Sian, along with Surrey Heath CLP will work with them to continue their efforts in the future.

If you would like more information please contact Sian Sangarde-Brown on 07748 804078.

Connexions Surrey Networking Events

The Partnership is currently organising and facilitating a series of networking events on behalf of Connexions Surrey. These events are designed to help the managers of Connexions' Personal Advisers to

- deepen their understanding of Connexions policy and strategy
- make new contacts
- share experiences and discuss common issues, and
- solve practical problems.

Meetings are taking place in each of the four Local Education Authority/Connexions Surrey regions.

Jonathan Olaofe, Chief Executive of Connexions has attended inaugural meetings to welcome delegates. He has explained that each of the four Surrey Connexions areas had been allocated a lead manager from the Connexions Central Support Team and a Community Learning Adviser from Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership. Four networking events for line managers have been scheduled for each area over the next year:

So far the networking events have proved popular with Line Managers of Connexions Personal Advisers, of benefit to the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership in extending its network, and useful to Surrey Connexions in identifying key issues to which it needs to respond.

If you would like more information or would like to attend the next meeting please contact Sian Sangarde- Brown on 07748 804078.

Surrey Adult Learners' Awards 2005 Launched

The Adult Learner Awards will once again be held in Surrey in 2005. The main sponsors are Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership, Surrey County Council Adult and Community Learning and InTouch with Learning and Work. The award categories are also sponsored:

Individual:

- The Surrey Region Open College Network (SROCN) Learning Champion of the Year
- The Aimhigher Progression into Higher Education Award
- The Surrey History Service and Surrey Museums Heritage and History Learning Award
- The Surrey Widening Participation Partnership/Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Learner with Disabilities Award
- InTouch with Learning and Work Individual Learner Award

- NESOCOT Young Adult Learner of the Year (aged 16 -19 and not in full time education)
- The Surrey Chambers of Commerce Individual Learner at Work Award
- The Surrey Adult Tutor of the Year Award

Group:

- The Surrey Adult and Community Learning Family Learners' of the Year
- The Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership Learning in the Community Award
- The Surrey Chambers of Commerce Group Learners' at Work Award
- InTouch with Learning and Work Group Learners Award
- The Surrey Learning and Skills Council Group Skills for Life Award.

There is still time to sponsor a category, contact Amanda Dickens on 020 8255 7410.

Says Kevin Delf, Chief Executive of Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership: *"I would ask all providers and promoters of learning in Surrey to support these awards and make them as high profile as possible to generate more interest from those who live and work in Surrey to engage in some form of learning."*

The winners of the awards will be invited to a special awards ceremony at the Surrey History Centre in Woking on Tuesday 24th May 2004 where they will be presented with certificates of achievement and prizes.

The closing date for entries to all awards is Friday 26th February 2005. If you would like to nominate someone you know for an award contact Amanda Dickens on 020 82557410 for a nomination form or download them from www.surreyllp.org.uk or www.surreycc.gov.uk or www.surreyintouch.co.uk

BBC: People's War

The BBC need more centres in Surrey to help local people write and share their personal history from World War Two. The BBC is building one of the biggest online archives of the 2nd World War, by gathering the unique memories of people that lived through it.

Most of the people who have stories to

contribute do not have access to the Internet at home, so if your organisation has public computers with Internet access, then you can become a People's War Associate Centre, and help older people with adding their memories onto the website. The BBC will provide you with publicity materials, advertise your centre on a national helpline and help you source volunteers

to help at your centre. There is also a chance to access funding via the NOF Home Front recall scheme.

To find out more and received a People's War information pack, please contact Eleanor Fell, BBC South East Learning Project Manager on eleanor.fell@bbc.co.uk or phone 07711 776328.

Upcoming Community Learning Partnership Meetings

If you have a story for Info@ send it to info@surreyllp.org.uk or contact Amanda Dickens on: 020 8390 6661

October 2004

20th Woking

November 2004

22nd Spelthorne
25th Mole Valley
29th Elmbridge

December 2004

1st Banstead, Epsom & Ewell
25th Runnymede
29th East Surrey

If you would like to attend your local CLP meeting please contact the local Community Learning Adviser:

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