

Manchester 360° Email Bulletin – Number 6 Adult Learners Week Special – 26th April 2010



Manchester 360° brings together over 48 Manchester based organisations, or organisations which are involved in the delivery of informal adult learning and is co-ordinated by the LSEN (Learning, Skills and Employment Network)

This is the sixth edition of the Manchester 360° Email Bulletin and is focused on the forthcoming events which are being organised across the City as a build up to this years Adult Learners Week events

An Adult Learners Week Steering Group has been established to co-ordinate the activities across the City during Adult Learners Week – **Saturday 15th May – Friday 21st May**

Events will begin with a range of activities across the City on Saturday 15th May and Sunday 16th May celebrating Cultural Diversity – we are keen to hear from any

organisation that may have an event planned for this weekend which could be badged as a Cultural Diversity event

The first event we have been told about is The Traditional Dance Workshop being held from 1.00pm – 3.00pm on Saturday 15th May at the Northmoor Community Centre in Longsight – please see attached flyer

Please contact us if your organisation is involved in delivering Informal Adult Learning and are interested in delivering an event or activity during Adult Learners Week – Saturday 15th May – Friday 21st May

Please let us know if you have a Cultural Diversity event you would like to promote

The celebrations will continue across the City – with each area of the City focusing events on a specific day

North Manchester – Monday 17th May
East Manchester – Tuesday 18th May
Central Manchester – Wednesday 19th May
South Manchester – Thursday 20th May
Wythenshawe – Friday 21st May

Please contact us if you have an event during the week you would like to badge as an Adult Learners Week activity

We are extending Adult Learners Week in Manchester to Saturday 22nd May when the WEA (Workers Education Association) will conclude the week with a range of taster sessions at the Union Chapel Wellington Road, Fallowfield

Activities will include:

Practical Gardening, The Plays the Thing, Famous People in History, Art Appreciation, The Living World, Family History, Egyptology, Literature, Landscape Painting, Soft Pastels, Painting & Drawing

Please download and circulate the attached flyer

We will be putting this email bulletin every Monday for the next 4 weeks to inform you of all the events that are being organised in the City as we approach Adult Learners Week

2010 – Record nominations for ALW Awards

A grand total of 1483 [Adult Learners' Week](#) Award nominations have been received for 2010, with a large increase in nominations from the London region. Family award nominations have doubled since 2009 and Opening Doors award nominations have increased to 120 from 86 in 2009. 2010 has also seen a significant increase in nominations made online.

After a thorough short-listing process in February, the best nominations will be taken to Regional and National Selection Panels in early March. Each of the panels will

select regional winners and will recommend the winners for national awards. The National Confirmation Panel will then meet in mid-March to confirm national award winners and all winners will be notified shortly afterwards.

Learning really does transform lives, and learning new skills at a time of recession can help people to retain their jobs or find a new one.

FutureEverything - 2010 – Wednesday 12th May – Saturday 15th May

An award-winning global festival of Art, Music & Ideas taking place in Manchester

After 15 years, Futuresonic is now FutureEverything. Expect world premieres of astonishing artworks, an explosive citywide music programme, visionary thinkers from around the world, and awards for outstanding innovations.

Astonishing talks, visionary people in a global conversation on bringing the future into the present. Exploring the interface between technology, society and culture, the internationally acclaimed FutureEverything Conference is the crucible that allows artists, technologists and future-thinkers to share, innovate and interact.

To find out more visit - <http://www.futureeverything.org/>

Museums at Night - The Manchester Museum - 15th May 2010

Come along to Museums at Night to watch a family friendly film screening; go on a spooky tour; take part in art and craft and go on a Relic: Guardians of the Museum tour around the Museum.

Which film shall we watch? You decide!

Vote for the film you want to be screened at this event and you could be in with the chance of winning an exclusive behind the scenes dinosaur tour!

To find out more visit

http://www.familyfriendlyfilmfestival.org.uk/production_details.aspx?id=120

Inspired by.....Manchester Art Gallery

Inspired by... is the V&A's national art competition, celebrating Adult Learners' Week and Museums & Galleries Month. The competition aims to encourage adults to visit and take inspiration from works of art in museums and galleries in order to create their own art work. The competition takes place across the country.

Ten winners are selected and displayed at Manchester Art Gallery, May – July 2010. There will also be ten runners-up.

You can view the work of previous winners and runners-up on our website:

www.manchestergalleries.org/education/post-16-and-he-fe/inspired-by-competition/

Learning at Work Day – Thursday 20th May

National Learning at Work Day 2010 will take place on 20 May as part of [Adult Learners' Week](#) on the theme of 'Creating Connections'. Thousands of people in workplaces across the country will be learning something new and celebrating learning achievements. On this website, you will find the latest [Learning at Work Day 2010 news](#) and all the information you need; from [why your organisation should take part](#) in Learning at Work Day, to [how to plan and run](#) a successful Learning at Work Day event. You can also hear about all the [special offers and competitions](#) that are running to celebrate Learning at Work Day 2010.

Unionlearn in association with the TUC have their own regional pot of funding for Learning at Work Day and are running about 60 events regionally, mostly on the Thursday itself or on another day during that week. We are awarding up to £500 to each workplace via the relevant union.

There are a number of events taking place within Manchester including United Biscuits in Levenshulme, First Bus in Cheetham Hill, and Pennine Acute NHS at North Manchester General Hospital with different themes and activities.

Although safety and security are issues on many workplace there will be some which will welcome community members or partners provided notice is given.

To view the latest edition of Unionlearn NW's e-bulletin "Onward" please visit

<http://www.unionlearn.org.uk/about/learn-3147-f0.cfm?regional=5>

Pool Arts offering Life Drawing sessions from their New Hope Mill Studio base

Tuesday Evenings 7.00pm – 9.00pm from Tuesday 8th May - Tuesday 8th June, a total of six two hour sessions at a cost of £35.00 for all 6 sessions

Places are limited so please book asap

professional models
refreshments provided
secure parking
Please bring your own materials

To book contact Jim on 07792784625 or Trae on 07974624303 or email us poolarts@googlemail.com

Open Democracy Discussion Circles at The Blue Mugge Pub, Leek, Staffordshire

April - July 2010 - Everybody welcome - Free of charge.

May be a bit of a trek – but perhaps someone out there would like to start their own Pub Discussion Group in Manchester – let us know if you do and we'll put you in touch with the Staffordshire group

Start your own Discussion Circle

All you need is a room (pubs will often provide a room for free), from 6-16 people, a subject to talk about and some notes on that subject. A good chair person is a great asset. see [Notes on Chairing meetings](#).

Want some notes to get you going – then visit <http://www.oddc.org.uk/alphabeticalindex.html>

To find out more about what they do visit www.oddc.org.uk for background and notes, often based on www.opendemocracy.net, BBC radio 4 'In our Time' and BBC Radio 4 'Thinking Allowed'

This year consolidating they are consolidating their partnerships with www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk; www.philosophyinpubs.com, the WEA, ARCA colleges and the U3A so that linked day and residential schools, professionally taught, will offer a networked programme of progression.

For full details on this, visit the above Raymond Williams Foundation web-site above

Download the attached leaflet for more information

Putting your arts or crafts group on the map – ten ways to get noticed

www.vaengland.org.uk/uploaded/map13538.pdf

This briefing lists ten cost-effective ways to help you increase the impact and reach of your group's public profile. It will be especially useful to small volunteer-led arts and crafts groups that don't have paid staff, official premises or even a marketing budget. However, the principles will apply to arts organisations of all sizes.

Rubbish Revamped Workshops

Hop over to <http://www.rubbishrevamped.org.uk/newsletterAprilMay.html> to find out about Rubbish Revamped workshops and events this Spring.

New workshops such as the Clear Up Your Clutter tin can storage system, Gilbert the sock creature and the Amazing Bottle Top Pin Cushions are now available for booking. The old favourites haven't been chucked out – look out for Junkmail Jewellery and Blissed Out with Buttons too.

Don't miss out on some lovely events in Chorlton and Whalley Range where you can meet up with Rubbish Revamped and others, including the [Green Walk Open House](#) and Chorlton Arts Festival.

Everything you need to know is in the newsletter - and if it's not, give us a shout on rubbishrevamped@googlemail.com or 07910 270 789!

www.rubbishrevamped.org.uk

The Green Walk Open House Art & Crafts Weekend - Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2010 – 12.00noon – 6.00pm

| Green Walk, off Wood Road, Whalley Range

An exhibition of paintings, ceramics, glass, photography and more, by local artists
Home made food and drinks on the Green

This will be the fourth year of what has become a highlight of the Whalley Range calendar.

As part of the May Bank holiday weekend preceding the **Whalley Range Celebrate Festival** (more info below) a group of residents on Green Walk will open their houses to the public on the weekend of 1st and 2nd May for an exhibition and sale of arts and crafts made by local artists, jewellers, photographers, potters and glass makers. The event has attracted a large and enthusiastic following from the local community and further afield, with attendance growing year on year.

With over fifty artists taking part, the event is a must for those wanting to spend a leisurely afternoon over the bank holiday weekend.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and savoury food will be available on the Green.

| Car parking is available at the Carlton Club, Carlton Road, off Wood Road.

| Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd May, 12 - 6 pm at Green Walk, off Wood Road, Whalley Range.

<http://www.bignoticeboard.co.uk/chorlton/the-green-walk-open-house-arts-and-crafts>

Whalley Range Celebrate Festival 2010 - Bank Holiday Monday – 3rd May - St Margaret's Primary School, Withington Road, Manchester M16 8FQ

We will be celebrating our 13th Festival this year with the theme 'Our World, Our Community'

Come and find out what's happening locally

Visit our health area for lots of health-related information and a chance to try out some alternative health techniques and therapies.

Come and share ideas about trying to live more sustainably, find out about our eco work with schools including bio build workshops with Lotte, find out about greening Alleys - and more!

Come and try out some of our festival delights;

Art & crafts, singing, dancing, climbing, eating & drinking, chatting & buying: trying out new activities, making, cake decorating - watch some spectacular performances,

score a goal, listen to live music, create a work of art, build a bug hotel, MC, join a book club or an over 50's group, eat delicious food - or jump on a bouncy castle.

There's something for everyone!

If you would like to host an Information stall, provide a workshop or health taster session, sell books, clothes or jewellery etc, perform, exhibit your schools/groups work, - or volunteer for Celebrate 2010, please contact us at the address below – or leave a message on the JNR8 office answer phone and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Keep checking our website <http://www.whalleyrange.org> for more information!

http://whalleyrange.org/news_docs/Cel10_1.pdf

http://whalleyrange.org/news_docs/cel_2.pdf

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Academy of Indian Culture and Education launch new classes at the Manchester Enterprise Academy, Simonsway, Wythenshawe, Manchester

The Academy of Indian Culture and Education (AICE) is an organisation established to promote the learning of Indian culture through activities such as Classical and Folk Dance, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Indian languages, Traditional Yoga, Drama, Art and Handicraft and many more.

We also offer lectures on topics as diverse as Indian Philosophy, Ayurveda and the past, present and future of India are supported.

The aim is to bring like-minded people, teachers, parents and students to come, learn, teach and enjoy in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and to celebrate the richness of Indian Culture.

For further information contact AICE (UK), P.O.Box 672, Stockport, SK3 8XN
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