

### **Where are we and how can we be contacted?**

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**This area is coordinated by Heather Dommett 07 834 496013**

**In Northampton we focus on Spencer, Lumbertubs and Thorplands wards.**

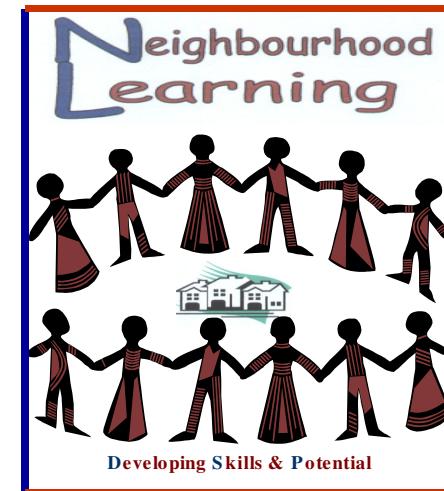
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# **Neighbourhood Learning Northamptonshire AN INTRODUCTION FOR PARTNERS**



### **Who are we?**

Neighbourhood Learning is a project funded by the Learning and Skills Council and managed by Northamptonshire County Council's Adult Learning Service.

### **The purpose of the NL project is :**

**To support local voluntary and community sectors' organisations to develop their capacity to deliver learning opportunities for residents of disadvantaged neighbourhoods.**

### **The Strategy is to:**

- Develop community-based networks of voluntary and community organisations who will encourage and enable those not currently participating in learning to do so.
- To support voluntary and community based organisations to extend the range of their adult learning activities and become Neighbourhood Learning Centres.

### **How are we evaluated?**

In March 2006 we were evaluated by the Adult Learning Inspectorate achieving a Grade 2—Good. The Inspector made these observations:-

- ✓ *“Good teaching and learning reaching marginalised community groups”*
- ✓ *“Productive partnerships with a wide range of community organisations*
- ✓ *“Very effective team-working”*

### **What do we offer?**

We offer learning opportunities for our partners' clients. These are relationship and confidence building events such as coffee mornings and fun learning activities such as card making, cookery, sound recording, Bhangra Dancing or digital photography. These events are then developed into more formal sessions by the NL Community Tutors and progressed further by creating links with Family Learning, Skills for Life and Information, Advice and Guidance Services.

### **What do we need from our partners?**

We need partners who:

- Are keen to develop learning opportunities as part of building communities.
- Can offer us premises from which we can reach people who would normally be excluded from learning opportunities either because of their circumstances or because of their past experience of learning.
- Can provide us with safe, accessible premises which are suitable for informal learning sessions.
- Have public liability insurance and will honour our limits on class sizes and other aspects of our risk assessment procedure.

### **Is there any funding available?**

The team has access to a Community Chest Fund of over £70,000 to provide funding for capital investment to improve the learning facilities and resources of Neighbourhood Learning partners.