

# Exhibitor Focus



## ABOUT COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The role of Community Learning and Development (CLD) is to support individuals, groups, and communities to make a positive change in their lives or in their community by using a range of different approaches. CLD covers a broad range of practice including youth work, community-based adult learning, family learning, volunteer development and community development.

They are based in the council offices on School Place, however they work across the community from various venues depending on the individuals and groups they are working with.

### HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

There are various methods of accessing Community Learning and Development services. This can be done through contacting the team or referral forms and self-referrals are accepted.

### WHO CAN ACCESS SUPPORT

Community Learning and Development are an all-age service and adapt/develop their work to meet the needs of the people they work with.

There is no defined group of individuals that they work with, however one of the core principles of CLD is to work with individuals and groups to promote equity, inclusion and social justice.

### WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

The Community Learning and Development team can offer support to individuals on a one-to-one basis and also through group work sessions.

They work with people of all ages through youth work, community development, adult learning, family learning and employability support.

### CONTACT

You can contact the team by emailing: [cld@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:cld@orkney.gov.uk)

You can also find more details at: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/Service-Directory/C/cld-services.htm>

## WHERE TO FIND THEM AT THE ORKNEY CAREERS FAIR:

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## ABOUT THE LEARNING LINK

The Learning Link is a free service which is part of Community Learning and Development at Orkney Islands Council. They are dedicated to helping adults gain new skills and increase their self-confidence.

They focus on what learners want and need to learn, then build a curriculum around this. A bank of highly motivated, experienced volunteer tutors enables the service the flexibility to offer learners support during weekdays, evenings and weekends. They offer accreditation in literacy and/or numeracy at levels National 3 and National 4.

### HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

Individuals can contact the service directly:

Tel.: (01856) 879 200

Email: [thelearninglink@orkney.gov.uk](mailto:thelearninglink@orkney.gov.uk)

Referrals can be made by external agencies with the consent of the person being referred.

### WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

The Learning Link devise and work in partnership on many group projects, for example:

**Employability Groups** to reduce barriers to employment; prepare young people for further education and/or employment; senior citizens who want the social aspect of learning and learners who need to upskill in literacy, numeracy and/or IT.

**One-to-one support** is offered when deemed necessary, usually to individuals with dyslexia, dyscalculia and other additional support needs.

**Targeted courses** can be developed when a need has been identified. For example, digital skills group, dyslexia group, literacy group, numeracy group and Senior Computer Club.

### WHO CAN ACCESS SUPPORT

The Learning Link work and support individuals of any age, including senior citizens. The main criteria is that they do not work with young people who are still in formal education (school).

They can also work with any agency that has a need to develop their workforce in particular skills.

They also work with employers to combat barriers and upskill their workforce.

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