

Exhibitor Focus



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

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

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.

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.

WHERE TO FIND THEM AT THE ORKNEY CAREERS FAIR:

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www.orkney.gov.uk