

Learning for Life Challenge Group

Reducing the social isolation of Bristol citizens

Areas of challenge

- To develop Learning 'Hubs' that are aligned to the Learning for Everyone vision of community based "Work Zones". This includes the possibility of creating a joint tasking group working alongside Learning for Everyone.
- To develop this initiative in a way that complements and aligns with Bristol Ageing Better programme.

What does success look like?

A model for a local Learning 'Hub', linked to "Work Zones" to be developed and piloted in Lawrence Hill and Hillfields areas with libraries, children's and community centres acting as key anchors.

They will connect, promote and deliver learning opportunities including two intergenerational learning projects:

- Younger people supporting older people to learn digital skills, linking to the successful 'Byte Back' initiative where recycled PCs are made available at low cost to pensioners with a low income.
- Older People with appropriate skills and experience mentoring (after training) younger people to enable them to develop skills for and in employment...

The overall aim is to share the model citywide.

Areas of progress to date

- Di Robinson, Bristol City Council Service Director for Neighbourhoods has now been confirmed as Strategic Lead for the group.
- A Task Group to develop learning activities for the 'Hub' is scheduled to meet on the 25th January 2016.
- Little Hayes and Speedwell Nurseries and Children's Centres have been working closely with Hillfields Library to develop community resources (this has included capital funding for a disabled toilet facility).

Communication actions

- Junction 3 Library will host a number of learning activities during Love Learning Week (8–14 February).
- Libraries will provide a neighbourhood space for Bristol Bright Nights on 30 September 2016 (subject to funding).

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Learning Action for 2016

Develop 'Learning for Life' in partnership with Bristol Ageing Better by working with libraries, community centres and children's centres to pilot intergenerational learning opportunities at a neighbourhood level.

Challenge Sponsor

To be appointed

Strategic Lead

Di Robinson, Bristol City Council

Bristol City Council Leads

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Current Challenge Group Partners

Bristol Older People Forum (BOPF),
University of the 3rd Age (U3A),
Bristol Ageing Better (BAB),
Bristol City Council (BCC),
Children's Centres,
Nameless Ltd,
Cities of Service,
RSVP

Date:

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Next steps

- The first Learning for Life Task Group will meet to design a service specification for the intergenerational learning activities.
- Mapping of current resources for digital inclusion will be undertaken.
- The creation of a joint tasking group with Learning for Everyone to develop Learning 'Hubs'/'Work Zones'.

Recommendations for the Partnership Board

- To note the development of the 'Hubs' and start to consider ways they may be able to support them to reach and engage citizens in local neighbourhoods.