

Learning for Everyone Challenge Group

Increasing the wellbeing of all citizens and communities in a city of contrasts

What have you achieved in the last 12 months?

- Supported Bristol Care Leavers to achieve the following outcomes: 10 have enrolled on formal training courses; seven have been appointed as apprentices; three have successfully applied for employment.
- Established 15 Conversation Clubs in partnership with a host of agencies, supported by 35 trained language mentor volunteers, and attended by 155 people who are learning English as a second language, including refugees and asylum seekers.
- Enabled 195 learners to improve their mental health and wellbeing through targeted community learning courses and providing mental health awareness and peer worker training in partnership with Second Step.
- Formed the progression into independence (Pii) group to create pathways for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities towards independent living and employment.
- Initiated “Project Rainbow” which supports local opportunities for independent living and preparation to adulthood.

What do you need to continue/complete in 2016/17?

- Continue to improve pathways for Care Leavers and other young people facing barriers to employment, including new mentoring and work placements, as well as supported apprenticeships and recruitment processes.
- Continue to develop Conversation Clubs by supporting host agencies and language mentor volunteers.
- Continue to develop adult and community learning provision that can have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing, including improved links with public health and social prescribing strategy.
- Continue to implement “Project Rainbow”.



Learning Action for 2016

- Increase the number of care leavers into education, employment and training.
- Improve adult mental health through community learning.
- Increase the number of supported internships for young people with learning difficulties.

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What do you need to continue/complete in 2016/17? (Cont.)

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May 2016

- Implement recommendations from action research, to increase the number of, and access, to supported internships and work based training.

What are your recommended priorities for 2016/17?

- Focus on community inclusion:
 - Support local community learning by implementing the Safe Haven Scheme to aid independent living for young people with learning difficulties.
 - Recruit and train new employers to offer work experience and employment to young people with learning difficulties or Care Leavers and train existing employers to have greater understanding and awareness of learning difficulties.
 - Work with the Learning for Life Challenge Group to embed community hubs and support access to learning for carers and women including young parents.