

## Learning for Life Challenge Group

Reducing the social isolation of Bristol citizens

### What have you achieved in the last 12 months?

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- Supported Bristol Care Leavers to achieve the following outcomes: 10 have enrolled on formal training courses; 7 have been appointed as apprentices; 3 have successfully applied for employment.
- The Learning for Life Challenge Group has been refreshed with new members bringing a range of skills and experience to the group. These include members from Bristol Ageing Better, private sector organisations and education providers.
- A Task Group has developed a draft outline for the development of learning activities for 16 – 25 year olds in partnership with 1625 Independent People. This outline has been agreed by the Learning for Life Challenge Group.
- A second Task Group has looked at the potential for developing digital inclusion sessions for older people, run by volunteers from the libraries in the pilot areas.
- Speedwell and Little Hayes Children's Centres have been working in partnership with Hillfields Library to transform their learning offer. This includes funding to improve accessibility at the library and provide health and wellbeing opportunities for local residents.
- Bristol Ageing Better has aligned their 'School for All Ages' programme to Bristol Learning City and rebranded it 'Learning for Life, for Everyone'.

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

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- The Learning for Life Challenge Group will continue to map existing learning activities in the Hillfields and Lawrence Hill areas of the city. Bristol Ageing Better has a number of volunteer Community Researchers in the Greater Fishponds area who will assist in local mapping in the Hillfields area.
- Finish mapping digital inclusion learning activities in the city. Commission a pilot approach for older people to address digital exclusion of older people – to be based in libraries and delivered by volunteers.



#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A), Bristol Ageing Better (BAB), Bristol City Council (BCC), Children's Centres, Nameless Ltd, Cities of Service, RSVP

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

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- Work with 1625 Independent People to develop the agreed learning activities programme for young people and link it to the Learning Ambassador role.
- Create a skeleton model for the learning hubs based on the Hillfields partnership; using this model to create community led learning hubs in other areas of the city.

### **What are your recommended priorities for 2016/17?**

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- Develop links with private sector organisations to create volunteering opportunities for community learning activities.
  - Develop further the learning hub model in Lawrence Hill, with a view to identify two further sites at the beginning of 2017/18.
  - Further expansion of Code Clubs through Library provision across the city.
  - Develop the approach to training/learning for young people in the creative industries.
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