



meeting **Administration Committee**

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agenda item number

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REGENERATION**

### **ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK CELEBRATION**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to hold a celebration event on May 24<sup>th</sup> as part of Adult Learners' Week 2006.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest celebration of learning. It promotes education and training for adults, provides access to information and guidance, motivates and celebrates their learning achievements. Started in 1992, it is a collaborative venture between education and training providers, broadcasters and national and local government.
3. With its nationwide promotional campaign and high profile activities, Adult Learners' Week offers organisations like the County Council a framework to promote our learning provision. This is the 15th year that Adult Learners' Week has been celebrated in the UK. Further information on Adult Learners' Week is available on [www.niace.org.uk/alw](http://www.niace.org.uk/alw)

#### **Adult and Community Learning Service (ACLS)**

4. ACLS supports over 11,000 learners a year throughout Nottinghamshire. For many, this represents the first step back into learning in a long time. For others, it is the first time that they have received a certificate or been commended on their achievements. Through its work with partners, individuals and communities, ACLS seeks to raise aspirations and celebrating success is a major part of this work.
5. Since its inception in 2001, ACLS has supported or held a range of celebratory events. In July 2005, for example, a 'Share' event for over 120 ACLS family learners, their children and tutors, was very positively received. This year, we are working with partners to arrange a joint

celebration and awards event on May 24<sup>th</sup> as part of Adult Learners' Week.

6. Up to 300 learners from both the ACLS provision and that of our partners will be invited. Whereas last year's event was attended only by ACLS learners, it has been decided to broaden out this year's event to encompass learners from a wider range of provision. Learners from partner organisations on the North Nottinghamshire Skills Board eg. further education colleges and some work-based learning providers, will also be invited.
7. The Adult Learners' event will be held in the Assembly Rooms at County Hall during the afternoon and evening of May 24<sup>th</sup>. While the exact nature of the activities is currently being discussed by a small planning group, the current thinking is that we will hold two sessions. The afternoon slot will be focused on those involved with family learning activities and the evening session will celebrate the achievements of other adult learners. We anticipate attracting about 300 learners altogether, with approximately 150 participants at each session.

### **Expenditure**

8. The estimated expenditure is as follows:

Publicity & Marketing materials	200
Buffet (300 x £7 a head)	2,100
Refreshments (300 x £1 a head)	300
Framed Certificates	600
Gift Plaques	600
Children's Gifts	300
Children's Entertainment (afternoon session)	500
Performing Artists (evening session)	500
Photography	350
Transport	450
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>£5,900</b>

This can be met from the ACLS budget in the Regeneration portfolio.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been described in the text of the report.

### **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that approval be given to support an Adult Learners' Week celebration on 24 May 2006, as outlined in this report.

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**Legal Services' Comments**

Authorising hospitality to be offered by the County Council is a matter delegated to the Administration Committee (JA 28.03.06).

**Director of Resources' Financial Comments (CC)(RWK)**

The financial implications are set out in the report.

**Background Papers Available for Inspection**

None

**Electoral Division(s) Affected**

All