

WACA Learning Project funded by the Big Lottery Fund

Three years ago Winchester Area Community Action was awarded a grant for three years from the Big Lottery Fund to set up WACA Learning to develop a programme of learning opportunities and training courses with the following outcomes for voluntary sector groups in the Winchester District:

- ◆ to increase their capacity to provide services to individuals and communities
- ◆ to be more effective and able to provide a better quality service
- ◆ to improve their financial viability
- ◆ to increase their awareness about their beneficiaries and communities.

We are proud to highlight our achievements and are pleased to advise you that WACA Learning will continue to provide learning opportunities and training courses to local voluntary sector groups beyond the period of the project. Please see details on the reverse.

Achievements from November 2005 to October 2008 *

- ◆ 900 attendees encompassing over 130 organisations *
- ◆ 55 training courses held
- ◆ 27 organisations completed training plans
- ◆ Worked with small/medium voluntary groups and community members

Signposted enquirers to other relevant training providers as appropriate.

* Achievements information includes final year figures (Yrs 1 & 2) plus projected figures until end of project

Feedback

Our users regularly returned to WACA Learning and below are a sample of the comments we received:

- ◆ The course was very valuable and delivered to high professional standards (Outcomes)
- ◆ Simple messages well delivered and flexible response to questions of interest (Basic Food Hygiene)
- ◆ Very impressive course. The tutor did an excellent job of addressing the needs of the participants. She was very clear in her delivery and adapted to suit our requirements. I learnt a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the 2 sessions. This has been one of the most useful IT courses I have ever attended. Many thanks (Excel Improvers)

This project was overseen by Elizabeth McKerracher, Deputy Chief Executive, and delivered by Hilary Fellows, Learning Development Worker, and Melissa Fletcher, Learning Development Administrator.

SEPTEMBER 2008-MARCH 2009

COURSE	DATE	£	APPLICATIONS
Introduction to Outcomes	Thursday 2 October 10am-1pm	£25	WACA Learning
Outcomes for Funding Applications - Day 1	Monday 13 October 10am-1pm	£50 For both days	WACA Learning
Outcomes for Funding Applications - Day 2	Wednesday 5 November 10am-1pm		WACA Learning
Access Basics *	Monday 29 September 10am-4.30pm	£30 *	Learning4Counties
Equality/Diversity *	Wednesday 26 November 10am-3pm	£30 *	Learning4Counties
PowerPoint Presentation Skills *	Monday 2 February 10am-4pm	£30 *	Learning4Counties
Managing & Supervising Volunteers *	Tuesday 12 February 2009 10am-4pm	£30 *	Learning4Counties
Effective Team Working *	March 2009 <i>date tbc</i> 10am-4pm	£30 *	Learning4Counties

Learning4Counties *

This is a programme of short training courses for voluntary organisations and community groups across Berkshire, Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex funded by the Big Lottery. It provides a common programme of skills that organisations and groups need to operate effectively. Learners are welcome to attend Learning4Counties courses in any of the 4 counties.

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