

# Community Learning MINUTES



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## NOTE OF MEETING

<b>Team:</b>	Test Valley Community Learning Group		
<b>Date:</b>	14 July 2009(10am-12 noon)	<b>Copies to:</b>	As Listed

<b>Present</b>		
Jan Lefley (Romsey Community School)	Clive Graham (Chairman and Harrow Way Community School)	Jenny Stevens (Andover Museum)
David Gleave (Co-ordinator, TVBC)	Alli Williams (Sure Start Children's Centres)	Debbie Dean (Connexions Consortium Manager Eastleigh)
Bev Jones (Hampshire Learning)	Paul Connor (TABS Training)	Melody Mew (Enham) Chair
Kate Parkinson (HCC)	Lesley Johnson (Mountbatten School)	Janet House (Andover Connexions)
Terri Sandison (University of Winchester)	Sue Muldowney (Hampshire Learning)	Councillor Phil North (TVBC Alamein Ward)
Pauline Williamson (Employer Engagement, Eastleigh Jobcentre Plus)	Ann Lockwood (IT Tutor, Enham,	Anne Sherry (Eastleigh Consortium Connexions Practitioner)
<b>Apologies</b>		
Wendy Miller (Solent Skills Quest)	Tina Turner (Andover College)	Emma Keegan (Andover Jobcentre Plus)

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Agenda			
1.	Welcome and Introductions		See above
2.	Apologies for Absence		Agreed
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting		
4.	Matters Arising		
5.	Responding to the Recession Conference 27.4.09 - Outreach services in Romsey and rural areas - report from Job Club sub group		
6.	Voice of the Learner – Festival of Learning at Hilliers' Arboretum		
7.	Information Share		
8.	Dates of Next Meetings Tuesday 15 September 2009 Tuesday 8 December 2009 Tuesday 23 February 2009		

Summarised notes of the discussion and action points	
3.	<b>Agreed</b>
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b>
4.1	<p>Government white paper "The Learning Revolution" – Lord Mandleson has replaced John Denham as secretary of state and is still considering the white paper.</p> <p><b>£83m. Return to Employment Scheme (DWP)</b> national pot for taster learning sessions for longterm unemployed – Andover College have won some and Totton College think VT has won the £6.5m. regional bid.</p> <p><b>Volunteering</b> CG reported that TVCS needs more resources to exploit this important area.</p> <p>JL has been in touch with Volunteer Bureau but they have not fully responded.</p>

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## **Responding to the Recession Conference (27.4.09)**

### **Jobcentre Plus outreach service in Romsey**

DAG reported that discussions between TVBC and Eastleigh JC+ are continuing but it has become clear that the number and requirements of clients and security considerations mean that it will not be straightforward to find the appropriate space at Duttons Road.

### **Andover and Romsey job clubs**

Following the last meeting a sub group met at Enham on 8 June and separate site meetings held at Andover College and Romsey Community School. The upshot is that an Andover job club – with emphasis on an informal, drop in service, will start on the afternoon of 9 September 2009 at Andover College and a Romsey job club will start in the morning of the same day. Both will run weekly and be pilots, evolving to reflect the needs of those attending.

In addition, a Turnaround Job Club, based at Askalot, will also start in September 2009.

The job clubs will link to work experience; Romsey job club will have an Employment Skills Tutor and an IT tutor will be present the Andover club. Services will include on-line job searches, uploading CVs, mutual support and information. Essentially, it will be about sign posting to relevant organisations and people helping themselves.

Romsey are already working with the Chamber of Commerce and local church. Enham will make contact with Chris Lawton, representing Andover churches.

Romsey are linking with Probation Service and Totton College will provide Advice/Information/Guidance.

### **AGREED:**

i) Cllr PN/MM/SF will work up ideas for Andover job club; compare with others etc.

ii) TVBC & HCC to share cost of printing 2000 fliers for Andover job club

iii) JL to produce 2,000 fliers for Romsey job club

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv) TVBC to ensure design of fliers is consistent and is badged TVP</li> <li>v) TVBC to contribute towards cost of refreshments of Andover job club</li> <li>vi) Newsquest to be asked for free local papers (job search) for both job clubs</li> <li>vii) PC agreed to attend both job clubs.</li> <li>viii) SM to e-mail members to update Directory (produced for Recession conference) and what adult learning they deliver (type and numbers)</li> <li>ix) Connexions to support job clubs with reference to the Government's "September Guarantee" for school/college leavers – promising all a job or place on a training/learning course</li> <li>x) Marketing the launch – Andover Sound/Romsey radio station, local press, Children's Centres, Jobcentre Plus.</li> <li>xi) Andover College to consider approaching 3 Andover County Councillors and 3 Romsey County Councillors to contribute to the funding of the job clubs from their discretionary ward budgets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Voice of the Learner – Festival of Learning at Hilliers' Arboretum 9 September 2009</b></p> <p>This echoes a recommendation in the white paper. Romsey and Mountbatten Schools will be attending in any event in order to recruit learners.</p> <p>However, HCC is considering an event (countywide and/or series of district events) after Easter 2010. The Hampshire Learning Forum will try and get as many organisations behind the idea at its September meeting and by 16 September 2009 we will know whether HCC's bid (under the white paper's requirement "to transform the adult learning service to create a true partnership") is successful.</p> <p>AGREED: Given the work needed over the summer to get the job clubs ready; the relatively short time to prepare contributions for the Festival of Learning and Hampshire's timetable that we see how Romsey and</p>

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	<p>Mountbatten get on and seek a Test Valley event as part of Hampshire's programme.</p> <p>Discussion then moved on to whether Test Valley (or any district learning partnerships) represented true sharing partnerships in the sense raised by the white paper. Although agendas are shared, true collaborative working, joint funding etc does not take place even among publicly agencies which deliver adult learning let alone including all of the privately funded ones.</p> <p>Mapping Provision - CG felt that the partnership should know, approximately, what adult learning was taking place in Test Valley so that we could identify gaps, potential duplication etc.</p> <p>AGREED: That SM/BJ ask all providers to respond to a request to describe the type and scale of their provision within Test Valley.</p> <p>For example U3A and WEA seem very successful in terms of learner numbers. WEA (200 members per club)is funded by HCC but does anyone know what scale of learning is taking place and how it relates to say AA&amp;FL's provision or the College's?</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Information Share</b></p> <p>TS</p> <p>i) Handed out copies of "Learning Opportunities in Hampshire and IoW – Bringing higher education within your reach" - a report listing all HE (eg foundation degrees) available for learners at work</p> <p>ii) Aimhigher (nationally-funded programme to encourage young people to participate in HE) has been working through the Hants and IoW Partnership with secondary schools. It will now be moving down to include junior schools (Year 5 and 6 pupils) targeting those communities with low HE participation eg Andover.</p> <p>Winchester will be looking to work with 20 junior schools (talked to 5 of a possible 8 taking part in Andover Junior Graduation). The work will utilise newly qualified teacher's need to undertake 30 hours of CPD focussing on raising aspirations of parents and children and so it is hoped to become sustainable through this requirement. It will entail work in schools as well as trips to U of W campus. All this plays to the University's strength in primary education.</p>

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	<p>PC TABS Training Learndirect winding down; funding for T2G from August uncertain; little funding for adult IT learning (eg ECDL) unless embedded in literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>SM white paper refers to themed approaches eg Estelle Morris leading on IT learning; forthcoming conferences on “digital literacy”, micro soft applications and one in September involving Age Concern looking at mobile technology.</p> <p>BJ HCC Cabinet considered white paper and agreed: to spend more time with self organising groups eg U3A; signed Skills pledge; need to make more use of mobile unit to promote adult learning working with ambassadors like Portsmouth FC, Microsoft; will contribute towards Festival of Learning next Easter; exploit HCC’s own IT system to develop on-line courses for staff.</p> <p>New Ofsted regime from next Easter will focus on VFM, voice of learner and true partnerships. We should be doing more together to reinforce adult learning infrastructure in Test Valley given forecast cuts.</p> <p>JL Extended Services have produced a Transitions booklet which has gone to all reception year pupils, pre-schools, nurseries etc</p> <p>DD Explained the Government’s September Guarrantee. Working with group of 16 year olds whose to ensure they take up college courses etc</p> <p>JS Hants Museums service promoting Festival of British Archaeology.</p> <p>MM looking for a MIDAs driver to take Enham clients to Gosport Music Festival.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 15 September 2009 at The Grosvenor Hotel, Stockbridge 12 noon – 2.00pm.</p>