

LANCASHIRE'S ADULT LEARNERS GET BACK TO LEARNING

More adults than ever are getting back into learning thanks to the Adult Learning Grant (ALG) according to figures released by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in Lancashire.

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More than 1,300 adults have received an Adult Learning Grant in the county over the last year alone, allowing them to embark on new qualifications and learn new skills.

With Adult Learners Week taking place from 19 – 26 May, the LSC is taking the opportunity to remind adults that the deadline for applications for an adult learning grant this academic year is 30 May 2007 – and encouraging them not to miss out on valuable funding to help them gain a first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification.

ALG is a means tested allowance of up to £30 per week to adults resident in England and is open to learners aged 19 or over.

Currently being piloted in Lancashire, ALG will be rolled out nationwide from August 2007.

Ian Haworth, Director of Area, Learning and Skills Council in Lancashire comments, "The Adult Learning Grant has helped many adults to realise new ambitions, transforming their lives through learning. Young mums have been helped to return to work, individuals have changed careers and boosted their prospects whilst others have taken the opportunity to learn a new skill. The LSC wants to help as many individuals as possible to benefit – helping us to realise our vision of creating a workforce of world class standard."

Further information on the Adult Learning Grant can be found by calling 0800 100 900 or visiting www.adultlearninggrant.com

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Learning and Skills Council:

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for ensuring the availability of high-quality education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. We work nationally, regionally and locally to deliver this ambition on behalf of learners and employers.

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