

Dear All

Welcome to our  update!

Learner Referrals

I am pleased to say that since the last newsletter, I have assessed 5 new learners. The referrals have come from a range of agencies: the Job Centre, Family Action Programme, a social worker at Dean House, Rooftop Housing and Green Square housing support so it is good to see that the awareness raising being carried out by Megan’s contacts team (see below) is trickling through.

Coaches

We have about 8 people on our waiting list at the moment who would like to do coach training so that’s very encouraging. As with our learners, people have heard about FRED from a variety of places – existing coaches, library, local newsletters, leaflets, internet search. We are planning to run more training probably in August or September.

Additional Venues

We now have 2 additional venues available for FRED use. Lydney Town Hall has a newly refurbished room which we can use free of charge. Mitcheldean Community Library is also very keen for us to make use of their premises and have been very helpful in tracking down additional reading books to add to their shelves. Watts in Lydney has also intimated that they may be able to help. It is heartening that whenever I mention FRED, I always get a positive response and people pull out all the stops to help.

Contacts Team – Help Needed!!

From Megan:

I have put together a list of events coming up in the Forest (see below) and would be really grateful for any help you could offer at any of these events. The Management Team is very small so if you could offer an hour or two of your time your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if any of you are interested in promoting FRED at any of them or if you have ideas of your own.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday/ Sunday 14 th /15 th June	Festival in the Forest Whitemead	Whitemead Forest Park, Parkend, Lydney
Saturday/Sunday 21 st / 22 nd June	Battle of Coleford Sealed Knot Event	Angus Buchanan VC Memorial Ground
Sunday – Friday 1 st – 6 th July	Coleford Festival of Words	ColefordTown Centre various locations
Saturday 9h August from 12.30	Ruardean Carnival	Throughout Ruardean
Saturday 11 th September all day	Newent Onion Fayre	Newent Town Centre various locations
Sunday 14 th September	Speech House Vintage Show	Speech House
Sunday 5 th October	Forest Food Showcase	Speech House

Other contacts made recently: Business First Coleford, Forest Business Women's Network, GDASS, Orchard Trust, Lydney Cluster Welcome Project, Children's Opportunity Centre, Coleford Health Centre, Coleford Job Centre, Mayor of Coleford. The agencies all took many copies of the leaflets to distribute between their colleagues and clients.

Training Session

Kris ran the 4th extended coach training session at Forest Road on Friday 30th May. 12 people attended, including 5 prospective coaches. The session gave everyone a chance to share learner stories and look at resources. Kris did a session on using onset and rime which was well received. All asked for further sessions, so there will be another in the Autumn term.

Expenses

In case you haven't got Janet's address (our new Treasurer) I have attached an updated claim form. If possible could you please submit expense claims on a monthly basis.

Learner Feedback

Thanks to all of you who returned Learner Feedback forms on behalf of their learners. We had some useful comments and it was all very positive! I have attached a Learning Log form which is a very useful way of recording comments made by your learner and is also a good aide memoire if for some reason you need to take a break and another coach has to take over.

Tea at 3!

As a thank you to all our coaches (and potential coaches) we would like to invite you to a Tea Party to be held at Janet's house on Friday 4th July at 3pm. Janet lives in Shallis Hill Cottage, English Bicknor, GL16 7PH. Could you please let me know if you would like to attend so that we have some idea of numbers – I can also give you directions if necessary.



Thanks for your support and look forward to seeing you on 4th.

**Sheila Priest
Coach Co-ordinator**