

WELCOME BACK....THANKS FOR THE AMAZING RESPONSES TO SUPPORT HLC LEARNERS!!...

The focus of the newsletter this week is about finding creative ways to continue to support and develop HLC learners through these challenging times.

There are many examples of the great response of HLC partners in this crisis, and hopefully, some of the funding updates below reassure you that your support and activity will continue to be funded.

FUNDING UPDATE 3...

Here's a quick summary of recent funding changes that may affect you;

EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF INCLUDES YEI, BBO, CLLD AND COMMUNITY GRANTS)....

There are increasing flexibilities and guidance as of 21st April that will help you both record activity for current learners, and also think about starting new learners, for example, wet signatures are not required.

Please see for [link](#) for further details.



BUILDING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES (BBO)....

Helpful updated guidance as of 20th April from National Lottery Community Fund, with revisions to questions 2,10,19 and 25, and new questions from 28 to 35.

Please see for [link](#) for further details.



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EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ERDF)....

Updated guidance as of 21st April relevant for CLLD partners delivering ERDF.

Please see for [link](#) for further details.



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HLC ESF COMMUNITY GRANTS....

The team have introduced flexibilities that will enable us to pay you more simply even though paperwork cannot be submitted, register learners electronically, and also, receive grant applications electronically.

The HLC team will be in touch with you soon, and please do not hesitate in contacting Jacquie.newman@hlc-vol.org if you have any queries or feedback.



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ESFA ADULT EDUCATION, TRAINEESHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS....

DfE business support details are provided here on this [link](#), and potential support for independent providers in financial difficulty need to register at ESFA.PPN220queries@education.gov.uk (further criteria to qualify not defined as yet - major announcement expected on Friday 24th or Monday 27th, although FE News reported on 21st April that this is not expected to include support for those providers delivering Apprenticeships to levy paying employers.)



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FURLOUGHING STAFF....

DfE Advice on furloughing staff that are publicly funded. This [link](#) also includes information on furloughing staff. The specific extract re Further Education and Apprenticeship providers is as follows;

“Where the provider is continuing to receive public funding through any of these routes they should continue delivering this provision where feasible, including through remote delivery. They should not furlough staff whose salaries are paid from continuing Education and Skills Funding Agency (or any other public) income. This applies to both teaching and non-teaching staff.

We recognise that many providers rely on funding from a mix of public sources and other income streams such as fees, employer contributions and commercial income. Where public income has reduced or non-public income has ceased or reduced, it may be appropriate for providers to seek support from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to furlough staff. Providers should only furlough employees if they meet the following conditions:

- the employee works in an area of business where services are temporarily not required and whose salary is not covered by public funding
- the employee would otherwise be made redundant or laid off
- the employee is not involved in delivering provision that has already been funded
- (where appropriate) the employee is not required to deliver provision for a child of a critical worker and/or vulnerable child
- the grant from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme would not duplicate other public grants received and would not lead to financial reserves being created.”



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12 WAYS OF USING ICT TOOLS TO CONTINUE DELIVERY TO YOUNG PEOPLE.....

Please see this [link](#), for some great ideas that maybe of interest to your organisation.

CELEBRATING BEST PRACTICE AND GOOD NEWS

TORANJ TUITION SHARE THEIR CREATIVE IDEAS USING TECHNOLOGY TO DELIVER ONLINE LEARNING....

Nothing is stopping CLLD recipient Toranj Tuition delivering. Their schools and private tuition schemes are continuing online. They have used the tutor management website 'TutorCruncher' for several years now. The website has an online whiteboard feature which has enabled them to switch to distance learning for the majority of their existing clients (depending on their ability to access computers) and take on new clients who are looking for some extra support with remote school learning.



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Before their temporary closure they were in the process of recruiting new tutors. They decided to continue with this by carrying out video interviews instead and have now fully digitalised their tutor training programme, so it can be conducted remotely. The tutor training manuals have also been uploaded to a Dropbox account which all tutors can access. The rest of the training programme has been placed in a Prezi online presentation.

They have also utilised technology to support all their existing adult education English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. They are continuing these online through video platforms such as Zoom and Skype (depending on which platform is easier for the beneficiaries to access).

They plan to make other workshops and training sessions available online for our adult education learners in the upcoming weeks, including their citizenship programme.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENT CELEBRATES MAYOR'S CIVIC CROWN AWARD....

Justina Oraka of TJ Training & Consultancy has been awarded the Hull City Council's Civic Crown for her services to the community by her organisation during this Civic year.



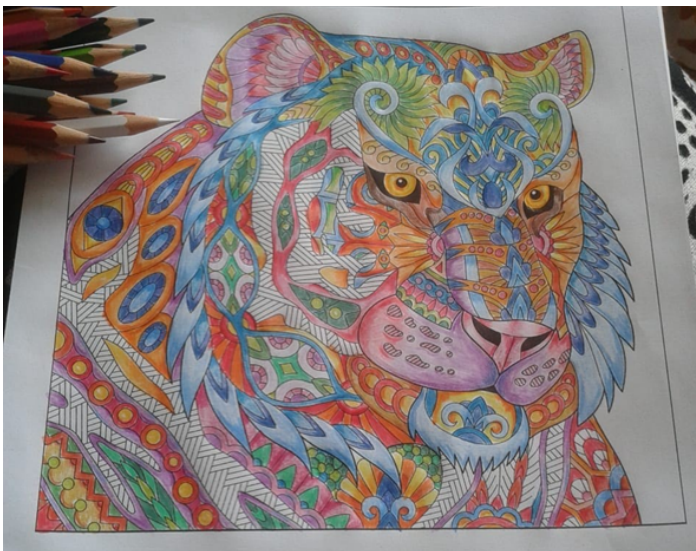
Justina has been a long standing successful recipient of funding via HLC for many years from a wide range of grants. She has worked in close partnership with numerous voluntary community organisations in the sector for many years. This is a fantastic achievement and very well deserved.



ACTIVFIRST...PROACTIVE DELIVERY TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ON THEIR BBO PROGRAMME....

To continue their delivery of well-being and mental health support to their participants, Activfirst are providing weekly creative pastoral activities which can be completed remotely, along with regular telephone and video contact calls from key workers. Making sure that they are all keeping in touch and talking as much as possible!

They are also providing essential medication and food shopping for at risk participants, and sharing simple recipes for their participants, using pictorial step-by-step guides, utilising ingredients they will more likely have in their cupboards. They are also sending out colouring craft activities, to help with relaxation and have been known to make a few special birthday surprises, delivering birthday Whatsapp calls to clients, and dropping off cards and gifts on their doorsteps.



This is one of the pictures that was given out in the well-being packs. A finished article sent to Activfirst by one of the participants.



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