

**The Adult Returners' Course at Jewel & Esk Valley College is for people who want to improve their confidence and skills in English, everyday Maths and in using IT. It is for people who are out of work, at home with a family, thinking about changing job or thinking about coming to college. It is free and it is aimed at adults who have few or no qualifications.**

The part-time course runs for two days per week, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-3pm at JEVC. Students on the course work towards SQA Units in Communication, Numeracy and IT and develop their study skills. They also meet careers guidance and student services staff for advice about careers and further courses. As college students, they can make use of facilities such as the library, computer learning bases and the swimming pool.

New courses

September 2005 - January 2006  
February 2006 - June 2006



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### Words from some students on the spring/summer course

**Cath** came on the course to get qualifications and build her confidence. The course has helped her to achieve these goals. She said, "I got qualifications and I've learned a lot". Cath plans to return to college to study on the Entry to Further Education Course next year.

**Margaret** said, "I needed to gain confidence and improve my spelling and communication. I am now going on an adult learning course to continue learning." Margaret will be joining courses at Adult Learning Link in Craigmillar. She plans to learn about History and particularly Egyptology, as well as continue to improve her numeracy and communication.

**Nancy** wanted to, "get a better education". She is now moving on to the Entry to Further Education Course. She said, "It's been fantastic, I've learned so much." Nancy is going to do the Entry to Further Education Course next year.

**Hazel** came on this course because she wanted to prepare herself for full-time study. She said, "I am now going on to full-time studies with a lot more confidence and much more aware of all the help and support the college provides". Hazel has applied for a full-time course in Sport and Exercise next year.

**Zoe** said, "I needed to get some qualifications and sort out a career for the future". She plans to study part-time at the college next year.

**Bob** came on the course, "to get better at Maths and IT". He has now applied for a full-time course at college in September.

**Jennifer** was keen to improve her communication, numeracy, IT and study skills. She said, "I am now planning on returning after the summer to do a fitness course".

**Christine** said she is, "now planning to return after the summer to do a course in finance".

**Claire** wanted to brush up on communication and numeracy. She will be studying on the Access to Arts and Social Science Course next year. She said, "I really enjoyed the course and really did get a lot out of it. I would recommend it to anyone!"



Fans at the Homeless World Cup 2003

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## 2005 HOMELESS WORLD CUP PRINCES STREET GARDENS, 20 – 24 JULY

Managed by the International Network of Street Papers, this international street soccer event highlights the positive power of sport by creating a unique setting for homeless people and people in poverty. Teams from 32 countries will be taking part in the event which is now in its third year.

On a local level the event is a wonderful opportunity for agencies and service users to work together to promote the achievements of homeless people and agencies in Edinburgh and for raising the profile of the event across the city.

JAMES GILFILLAN, Project Worker with Four Square is working with a team of 8 service users doing a journalism-based project around the event. They have come up with several ideas including match reports and interviews, photography and film making and have a journalist and a photographer working with them on the project. They have had a good response from the organisers of the World Cup who are keen to encourage local groups to get involved with the event.

For more information go to [www.streetsoccer.org](http://www.streetsoccer.org)

## RaW – Reading and Writing

THE BBC LAUNCHES ITS BIGGEST EVER  
ADULT LITERACY CAMPAIGN THIS AUTUMN

This fresh, entertainment-led 3 year drive will be aimed at readers in the UK aged between 25 and 54. The purpose is to improve literacy skills by creating a fun and interactive space to learn, based around the everyday practical experiences of adult learners. It will be built around BBC programmes and talent and engage with people's passions, interests and hobbies.

You can receive regular news updates from the BBC about the campaign and from July, you will be able to register as a partner for RaW and select your level of involvement online. To subscribe to the newsletter go to [www.bbc.co.uk/raw/newsletter.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/raw/newsletter.shtml)

**MORE BYTES** The next edition of Beans will be out in August. If you would like to contribute, send your items to Fiona Holmes, CLAN Edinburgh, 1-3 Canon Street, Edinburgh EH3 5HE. Tel: 0131 270 6073. Fax: 0131 270 6074. Email: [fiona@clanedinburgh.org](mailto:fiona@clanedinburgh.org) Web: [www.clanedinburgh.org](http://www.clanedinburgh.org)

## COOL Partnership

CLAN has joined a Partnership of Dundee and Falkirk Colleges, Scottish Trade Union Congress, Theatre Workshop, The University of Strathclyde and the Scottish Further Education Unit.

This Partnership is bidding for European Social Fund (Equal) funding with an overall objective of promoting lifelong learning and inclusive work practices that encourage the recruitment and retention of those suffering discrimination and inequality in connection with the labour market.

Within the Partnership, CLAN will develop and deliver innovative literacy and numeracy learning opportunities for marginalised and difficult to reach groups within Edinburgh; and disseminate its activities, findings and recommendations to interested parties.

## Changing Lives

HMIE (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education) has published 'Changing Lives: Adult Literacy and Numeracy in Scotland', a report which contributes to the review of progress on the national Adult Numeracy and Literacy strategy.

It found that adult learning programmes were delivering real and positive benefits for people. Areas for improvement include: monitoring of learners' progress, more emphasis on developing numeracy skills, and a wider range of development opportunities for practitioners. You can view the report on the Web at [www.hmie.gov.uk/documents/publication/clans.html](http://www.hmie.gov.uk/documents/publication/clans.html)

## Working in Groups with Adult Literacies (WIGALL)

TRAINING

After an introductory ITALL or Getting Started course, this is the next stage in training as an adult literacy and numeracy practitioner. You can choose to attend the course on Wednesday afternoons or Saturdays.

### Wednesday afternoons:

21, 28 September and 12 October

**Saturdays:** 24 September and 1, 22, 29 October

If you would like more information or would like to book a place on the course contact Gillian Lawrence or Claudia Esslinger. Email: [gillian@clanedinburgh.org](mailto:gillian@clanedinburgh.org) or [claudia.esslinger@educ.edin.gov.uk](mailto:claudia.esslinger@educ.edin.gov.uk)