

Dear Friend

The Learners' Network

I am writing to invite you to join ***The Learners' Network*** being developed by NIACE (National Institute of Adult Continuing Education) in partnership with learners. NIACE is the national organisation for adult learning. We try to represent the best interests of learners to government, policy makers and educational providers.

Why have a network for learners? Learners have many different views about the value of their learning and the other opportunities that should be available. Their ideas matter and should be heard whenever learning is planned. The Network is a way of sharing those views and experiences – a great pleasure in itself! – and of drawing them together to create a stronger ‘voice’ for learners. It also keeps people in touch with others who have the same passion for learning. Overtime, the aim is to build an enthusiastic alliance of people who can really make a difference.

What does the network offer? There is a regular members' Newsletter with learners' stories and letters, news about major developments and campaigns, and details of competitions and awards. We hope to arrange local, regional and possibly national events where network members have a chance to meet.

From time to time ***The Learners' Network*** members may be asked for their views on important developments so that NIACE, and others, can make sure these are heard properly.

How do I join? Membership is free. All you need to do is complete the enclosed form, return it to Sue Parkins, 21 De Montfort Street, Leicester, LE1 7GE, and you will become a member. We will store your details so we can send you the Newsletter and keep in touch about interesting developments nationally and in your area.

We do hope you will want to join and help build ***The Learners' Network*** into a really enjoyable and powerful force to support adult learners wherever and whatever they learn.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes

Sue Parkins
The Learner Network

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