

Dear colleagues

INVITATION TO A FREE EVENT
Learning in 2020 – a day for learners

We are writing to you as an adult learning practitioner with an interest in working to make a real difference to the lives of local people and their communities.

We are inviting you and the adult learners you work with to take part in one of our events listed below. The main purpose of these days is to support learners to take part in democratic processes by producing and publishing a manifesto for adult learning in 2020.

We aim to make these an interesting and enjoyable events. We will use creative participatory methods to support learners to express their hopes and fears about their lives in 2020, and the kinds of adult learning they want to help them achieve their aspirations and respond to their challenges. Participants will have opportunities to compare their visions with those of Leitch and to say what they think about who should decide what is needed, who should provide it and who should pay for it.

At the end of the 3 events we will put together all the conclusions to produce a response to the Government from learners who attended the events. This will go to the DfES, relevant stakeholders and to all who take part. All events will run from 10.30am to 3.45pm. The dates and places are as follows:

Wigan: Thursday 22nd March

Slough: Wednesday 28th March

Newcastle upon Tyne: Thursday 29th March

Places are **free**, but a condition of coming is that you are able to bring with you an individual or group of adult learners with whom you are currently working. We aim to include adults from diverse backgrounds and would like you to bear this in mind when encouraging learners to attend. The invitation letter is available in other accessible formats. We expect the events to be over-subscribed, so we are asking you to let us know as soon as possible whether you and your learner colleagues want to be involved.

Do please phone one of us if you would like more information.

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