



Adult Learners' Week Themes for 2008

1. **Globalisation and the changing world of work** including issues around skills for life, participation, progression, qualifications, modern foreign languages, north/south issues and fair-trade;
2. **Environmental sustainability** including 'green' issues and sustainable development;
3. **Technological change** including issues around ICT, e-learning, media literacy and digital inclusion;
4. **Citizenship and belonging in a diverse society** including issues around community cohesion, equality and diversity, ESOL (e.g. Cultural diversity weekend; research about Somali and Bangladeshi women);
5. **Demographic change** including issues around older workers, women returners, migration, learning in later life, family and inter-generational learning (e.g. engage a broadcast program/ gender/age hooks);
6. **Poverty reduction** including issues around financial education and the engagement of the most isolated and excluded learners (e.g. homelessness campaign and financial literacy messages during SUN January);
7. **Changing expectations and perceptions of the Third Sector** including issues around volunteering, social movements, community engagement, civic renewal and democratic participation (e.g. learning cafés as a result of the regional roadshows?);
8. **Well-being and happiness** including learning for active living, arts, culture and creativity, family and inter-generational living (e.g. mental health quiz in toolkit; family learning campaign).

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