**Community Learning Partnerships**

The main purpose of the Community Learning Partnerships funding is to reach disadvantaged communities and individuals, to enable them to participate in learning and to progress towards further learning and/or sustainable employment.

Our funding is devolved from Central government and is held by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, therefore only residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will be funded through this project (there is a small amount of funding which can support the surrounding areas, please speak to us if your learners are likely to reside outside of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire).

The Combined Authority recognises that widening participation in education and training can transform people’s lives. It improves confidence and the acquisition of skills can prepare residents for a range of career options e.g., employment or self-employment.

Education and training delivered locally can help develop stronger communities, with more self-sufficient, connected, and pro-active residents.

Evidence shows that wider family learning or Family, English, maths or language programmes do better equip parents and carers to support and encourage their children’s learning and that it provides wider benefit in terms of health and/or social well-being.

We also know that increased online learning and self-organised learning leads to the lives of our most troubled families being turned around. So, we will be supporting learning in ways that contribute directly to these objectives. Using effective local partnerships to bring together key providers and relevant local agencies and services around a personalised local learning offer

The Community Learning Partnerships funding is being launched again this year to support and encourage the Voluntary and Community Sector, other third sector and not-for-profit organisations to work in partnership to deliver innovative learning that supports disadvantaged adults aged 19+ and address the local key priorities and align to the Combine Authority strategic Intent:

1. Improve life chances and increase the social mobility of all our residents
2. Improve prosperity for all by increasing productivity of our workforce through upskilling
3. Enable unemployed residents to reskill and gain good employment
4. Improve the quality of life through an enriching lifelong learning offer

The College will make available funding which local organisations and groups can bid for to offer informal (non-qualification) or formal (qualification) community learning opportunities through our Adult Education Budget.

The purpose of Community Learning is to develop the skills, confidence, motivation, and resilience of adults of different ages and backgrounds to:

 • Progress towards formal learning or employment and/or

• Improve their health and well-being, including mental health and/or

• Develop stronger communities

Community learning courses are delivered and reported under the following four delivery strands:

• Personal and Community Development Learning - learning for personal and community development, cultural enrichment, intellectual or creative stimulation and for enjoyment (in most cases not leading to a formal qualification)

• Family English, Maths and Language - learning to improve the English, language and maths skills of parents, carers or guardians and their ability to help their children

• Wider Family Learning - learning to help different generations of family members to learn together how to support their children’s learning

• Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities - supports local Voluntary and other third sector organisations to develop their capacity to deliver learning opportunities for the residents of disadvantaged neighbourhoods

When putting through a Bid Application, organisations will be required to plan a project that aligns to one of the above strands and explain how your project will target and meet the priorities.

We are hosting a Morning Workshop on Friday 15th July 2022 09:30 – 12:00 to talk this through in more detail and get possible partners thinking about their project aims. Two weeks after this workshop will be the deadline to complete a Bid Application. To book on to this workshop, please call the college on 01733 761 361 or email clt@citycollegepeterborough.ac.uk