

Outdoor learning

Adult and Community Learning doesn't confine itself to the classrooms at the Shevington Centre.

Pictured is a joint venture involving Shevington Adult Centre, Shevington Children's Centre, The Friends of Elnup Wood and Groundwork Trust. They show how Community Learning is developing

in the Shevington Learning Village. The 'Sponsored Toddle' through the woods (Active Learning for toddlers, grandparents and mothers) was followed by a Healthy Eating picnic in the woodland environment. The Shevington Learning Village team is promoting activities for pupils and adults, to develop Elnup Wood as a local community resource for recreation and learning.



Family Learning at Higher Folds

A group of parents from Higher Folds has just completed a Key Stage 2 Literacy course.

This highly motivated group requested the course, following the completion of a previous one which had focussed on helping their children to learn. They were able to take an Adult Literacy exam at the end of their time at Higher Folds Community Centre.

All the parents were presented with a Certificate of Attendance and are eagerly awaiting a further award, indicating success in their exam. The children received a Family Learning teddy bear to remind them

of their time on the course, during which they had enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic!

The tutors, Ruth Asson and Kathryn Magleave, have enjoyed working with the children and parents and are hoping to involve the group in a Numeracy course to be held at St Gabriel's. The learners were full of praise for their tutors, who had supported their learning whilst also helping their children to develop. The group will use the IAG service at Leigh Skills Shop to help them on the way to future employment. Their aspirations include alternative therapy training and teacher training.

Skills for Life Champions

Seventeen staff from Children's Services have received recognition for helping parents, carers and colleagues on their personal learning journey.

They attended Step in to Learning training to help recognise and signpost those who wished to improve their skills. They also achieved City and Guilds Level 2 in Adult Support and became

advocates for the Step message in Wigan.

The Skills for Life Champions were presented with certificates by Anthony Mohammed, Service Manager for Learning and Employment. The aim is to have a Champion in each Children's Centre and school in the Borough and within other services supporting children and families.



Tributes to Bernard

Beryl Colvin writes.... Bernard retired in August 2007 after four years as joint Adult and Community Learning Manager with myself. He was instrumental in building the organisation into the thriving and successful Service it is today.

He was a man of vision, believing in equality of opportunity, especially for the most deprived members of our communities. He gained capital funding for projects including Westleigh Community Centre, the refurbishment of the

Adult Learning Centre at Bedford High and the extension of Elim Christian Centre.

Bernard will be warmly remembered for his generosity of spirit, his kindness and unfailing good humour. He recognised the positive qualities of everybody. He achieved so much in his lifetime and his legacy will live on.

Karen Pigott writes... Bernard was so committed and I know his passion and belief in making a difference touched so many people. His team had an

outstanding inspection, achieving the highest category for Equality and Diversity. Bernard never made a fuss or took the praise he deserved. We knew when he was pleased as

we'd hear his infectious laugh. Everybody in the Extended Learning Team is deeply shocked by his death but we also have such fond memories and some cracking photographs.



Bernard with his Team of the Year winners

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