

ALP/TOLLCROSS CENTRE



Adult Learning Project

Programme 2008-2009

a democratic learning community



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The Adult Learning Project runs courses in women's studies, literacies, the arts, culture, politics and community development.

Joining a course

- You can enrol for any ALP courses (other than Scots Music Group courses) by phoning Stan Reeves or John Player on 0131 221 5800 or sending an e-mail to stan.reeves@ea.edin.sch.uk or john.player@ea.edin.sch.uk
- You can enrol for any Scots Music Group courses by phoning Ros Gasson or Sheila Capewell on 0131 555 7668 or sending an e-mail to info@scotsmusic.org
Web: www.scotsmusic.org

TERM	Start date	Finish date
First	22 September	12 December
Second	12 January 2009	20 March
Third	20 April	26 June

There are many other activities at Tollcross Community Centre. For information phone 0131 221 5800 or fax 0131 221 9264.

Note that each programme may have its own dates, so check this programme and/or contact ALP for actual dates.



ALP was set up in 1979 and since then thousands of people from all walks of life in Edinburgh and beyond have been involved in various aspects of the project's work. The only qualification needed is a desire to learn. ALP tries to involve its participants in the broad life of the project. ALP believes that education should be a social experience and much of the learning methods are influenced by the work of Paulo Freire.

INCLUSION

ALP is committed to making its activities and programme accessible to all. Where possible, ALP will provide childcare, use accessible premises, produce materials in accessible formats and keep costs to a minimum. If you find that you are unable to come to ALP for any reason, please contact us.



ALP Association

The ALP Association is run by ALP students and friends of ALP in partnership with Community Learning and Development.

All ALP participants are invited to become a member of the ALP Association and contribute to the work of the project by coming to monthly meetings. The meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6.45pm (22 Sept, 27 Oct, etc). The aim is to create community and enhance learning through promoting collaboration, social events, learning events and cultural exchanges.

The ALP Association is a Scottish Registered Charity No SC007226 and a Company Limited By Guarantee No SC286580.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Pot Luck Suppers

Everyone is invited to our free monthly suppers on Friday evenings from 6.30 to 9pm: 20 Sept, 24 Oct (Halloween), 28 Nov (St Andrew's Day), 18 Dec (all-centre Christmas party), etc. Everyone brings food to share and we entertain ourselves with poems, songs, learning stories and perhaps a dance.

Family Ceilidh Saturday *

November event – a top ceilidh band calling the dances, children's raffle, bar and young people making music.

Nearly Ne'er Day Ceilidh *

December event – always a popular dance – great band.

Ceol a Mundo *

World music nights with music and dance from friends of ALP's Welcoming project together with the Sudanese and Brazilian communities.

Burns Night

24 January – poems, songs, turns and dancing. Very informal. Haggis bar available.

* DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

ALP PROGRAMME Community Development

ALP develops links and projects in the community through ALP workers and the ALP Association. We work with the Meadows Festival, Edinburgh Canal Society, Tollcross Community Council, Family Learning, Tollcross Primary School, local schools and other community associations.

International Links

We maintain relationships with community partners in Barcelona and Donegal in Ireland. ALP/Tollcross is host to social learning events with communities in Edinburgh including the Gaelic Community, Brazilian, Portuguese, Sudanese and Polish groups who hold regular social and learning events in the centre.

- Contact ALP and we will put you in touch.

Fundraising and Social Events in the Community

The Scots Music Group and the ALP Association regularly run family, friendly dances in various venues including Tollcross Primary School Halls.

- Contact ALP to find out times and venues.

The Welcoming has a programme of world music events held at the centre. We have a full theatre licence and encourage centre and local groups to put on music and dance events.

- For information watch for posters, flyers, etc.

Study Breaks & Cultural Exchanges

ALP takes groups of adult learners on exchanges with other learners and community development projects. In 2006, groups went to Hamburg and Lisbon and we are currently developing links with adult education projects in Barcelona.

- For further information contact ALP.

Celebrating 30 Years of ALP

To mark 30 years of ALP, the ALP Association will host a series of events in August and September 2009. We will start preparations in the autumn of 2008.

- If you want to get involved in the planning and preparations contact ALP.



Women's Studies

A Fayre for Women

Would you like to be more assertive and feel more confident? Then come along and learn how in this informal and friendly group. There will be opportunities to put new skills and confidence into practice through a mixed programme of social and educational events and visits.

- Tuesdays 1 to 2.30pm. For more details contact ALP.

The Art Space

A new project to encourage young women to get involved in creative visual arts and crafts, using our art room. The programme will be based on the interest of participants and may involve collage, drawing, banner-making, painting, knitting and community projects.

- Mondays 7.15 to 9.15pm. Details from John or Sandra at ALP. Course starts 29 Oct.

Damned Rebel Bitches

Women have made a major contribution to Scottish history but their stories are still largely hidden. This women's history research group sheds light on the hidden heroines of the past by recording them for future generations. Share your knowledge and learn in a supportive and co-operative atmosphere.

- Thursdays 12.30 to 2.30pm. For more details contact Rose or Stan at ALP.

WIFIE Women In Focus In Edinburgh

WIFIE is an independent photography group for women living in and around Edinburgh.

WIFIE members meet regularly to participate in workshops and visit exhibitions. During these informal meetings the group is able to discuss ideas or explore the issues raised by the work of other artists as well as being able to share knowledge, ideas and experiences.

WIFIE gives women with an opportunity to:

- learn new skills in photography or develop and extend already existing knowledge
- participate in exhibitions
- use photography to explore issues relating to gender, power and social politics
- look at issues which perpetuate exclusion.

Open Darkroom Sessions

WIFIE members can also become involved in this additional resource at Tollcross Centre. The sessions are for women who already know how to use the darkroom equipment but occasionally the project co-ordinator will offer some tuition, especially if you are new to the centre and the group.

- E-mail: wifiespace@yahoo.co.uk
- Contact Margaret Drysdale on 07941 352 163 (mobile) or e-mail: margaret.d59@btinternet.com



Culture, Politics and Community

A Small World

A Multi-cultural Learning Circle

This is a new way of studying culture; rather than reading descriptions of other countries, we invite you to exchange your own experiences of culture and community with people from different places. From first hand experience we will find out about the issues and strengths of each other's way of life. We want to find people from a wide range of cultures to become regular contributors to this learning circle. We will help you make presentations about your culture and community through the Internet. We have contributors from Scotland, Kashmir, Russia, Moldova, Portugal, Bosnia and the Middle East and will include more as the project advances.

- Mondays 5.15 to 7pm, fortnightly. Dates: 22 Sept, 6 Oct, 20 Oct, 3 Nov 1 Dec and 15 Dec.

Democracy & Active Citizenship

This group explores what being an active citizen means and the various skills needed to put your learning into action. We will look at events in Scotland and the wider world. Since the Scottish Parliament opened in 1999, members of the group have been auditing its work, responding to consultation documents and lobbying on issues relating to democracy. The group also works with bodies like the Scottish Civic Forum, and helps to organise public meetings so that more people realise the real influence that politics has on their life and how they can influence policy.

- Mondays 7.15 to 9.15pm. For more details contact Colin or Stan at ALP.



The Arts

Scots Music, Song and Dance

The Scots Music Group is one of Britain's largest traditional music projects with over 500 participants taking part in music, song and dance classes. Traditional music is passed on by memory and listening. There are five levels of tuition; some instruments are taught at all levels and others at level one or two. The classes include fiddle, whistle, accordion, mandolin, small pipes, Highland pipes, guitar accompaniment, mixed instrument classes, song, ceilidh dance and Scots Step Dance. In addition to the weekly music programme, there are weekend workshops, pub sessions, ceilidh dances, festivals and ongoing involvement in community events.

- For the SMG programme phone Ros Gasson or Sheila Capewell on 0131 555 7668. E-mail: info@alpscotsmusic.org Web: www.scotsmusic.org

Community Darkroom

Tollcross Community Centre has a black and white darkroom for hire and runs various photographic projects.

- For more details contact ALP.
- The City of Edinburgh Council will run two black and white photography classes as part of Adult Education Programme.
- All levels on Mondays from 7 to 9pm. Class starts on 22 Sept.
- Beginners on Tuesdays from 7.15 to 9.15pm. Class starts 23 Sept.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

We are planning to set up a suite of laptops with broadband, software and some digital cameras. We will run courses on demand.

- For more details contact ALP.



Paulo Freire Reading Circle

This self-programming group will meet to make sense of the work of one of the 20th Century's most influential educationalists.

We will use a close reading decoding technique to get inside the main ideas and work out ways to develop our adult education practice, whether as a participant, activist, teacher, community learning worker or organiser.

- Wednesday evenings, monthly. Dates to be confirmed. For more details contact ALP.

Thinking about Tollcross

This is a project to examine the way of life of the people in the surrounding areas and to find out the issues they face and develop a programme in the ALP/Tollcross Centre which is relevant. We aim to involve local people in the development of the area in conjunction with public bodies and local groups. We are collaborating with Tollcross Community Council to keep an eye on development issues. Various public talks, events and meetings.

- Contact Stan on John at ALP or watch out for posters for more information.

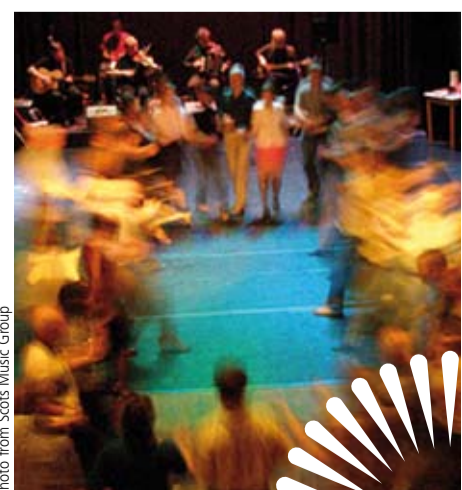


Photo from Scots Music Group



The Welcoming

This project brings together refugees, asylum seekers and people from Scottish and local minority ethnic communities.

The aim is to welcome newcomers, learn together and improve English language and literacy skills. There is lunch with music and arts from different cultures.

The project supports new migrants to get to know the local culture through outings, music, drama, visual arts and talks. There are visits from service providers in law, housing, employment and education.

- Wednesdays 11am to 4pm, Methodist Central Hall, 2 West Tollcross.
- Fridays 4.15 to 6pm, Drop-in English Conversation, Tollcross Community Centre.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

A varied programme of activities also runs on different days during the week at Tollcross Community Centre and there are regular parties and events at the weekends. Commencing 3 Sept.

- For more information phone Jon, Susan or Sheda on 0131 221 9756 or e-mail: thewelcoming2006@hotmail.co.uk

Think Fur Yersel

The aim: critical thinking. We will use a method which encourages logical and reasoned thinking, and will use visual images and pieces of writing to stimulate the discussion. The way we will work uses 'philosophic enquiry'. The course is for anyone who wants to take time out, reflect more deeply and share a good and sociable mind workout. No special skills required, just tolerance.

- Times to be confirmed – contact ALP.



Robert Burns Project

250th Anniversary of Burns' Birth

Focused around 25 January 2009, ALP will host a week-long series of learning and social events celebrating Scots language, song and music. There will be events for writers and poets, a multi-cultural Burns lunch, a ceilidh dance and perhaps a play. You will be invited to an alternative Burns Supper and Dance at Tollcross Community Centre.

- For details contact ALP in November.

Spanish Identity in Edinburgh An Art Workshop

The project will focus on the Spanish community in Edinburgh and explore the positive and negative aspects of Spanish culture and the aspects involved with living in a non-Spanish speaking country. The course will use art to look at the anguish of moving to a new country and the processes of adaptation.

- Wednesdays 6.30 to 8.30pm. For more details contact John or Gemma at ALP.

Aye, Write!

Have you been writing away on your own for a while or do you just need a bit of focus and some stimulus to get started? This project offers you the chance to write, share and develop through poems, stories and monologues, as well as practical ways to get your words out to the public. No experience is necessary. This project is guided by professional writer and tutor Billy Cornwall. Guest writers are planned.

- Tuesdays 7.15 to 9.15pm. For more details contact Billy at ALP.



Mosaics

As part of Adult Education Programme, the City of Edinburgh Council will run a course for beginners in mosaic making in our art room.

- Wednesdays from 10am to 12 midday. Class starts 24 Sept. For more information go to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/adultcourses or phone 0131 469 6181 or contact ALP.

Literacies

Glory and Dismay: The Story of Scottish Football

Share your football stories and memories. Build your writing skills and improve your communication skills through the game you love and meet other fans. These courses will include guest speakers, recording methods (eg tapes, video, DVDs) and 5-a-side games. There are two 12-week courses. There is always a big celebration and presentation of certificates at the end of each course.

- Tuesdays 7 to 9pm (to be confirmed).
- Thursdays 7 to 9pm, the Willie Bauld Suite, Hearts Football Stadium, McLeod Street. Dates to be confirmed. For more details contact Hazel, Colin or John at ALP.



Boat Making and Communication Skills

With the canal on our doorstep at Tollcross, we want to involve the local community in building and using small boats. We will plan the programme of work, meet other people who are building boats on the canal, visit boat projects on the web and decide on designs and plans. Those who want to improve their communication skills (reading, writing and arithmetic) will be supported by a tutor and others on the project. You will also improve your hand tool and woodwork skills. In August 2008, we built and launched a 'currach' – a traditional Irish frame and skin, 18 foot rowing boat.

- Tuesdays 3 to 8pm, Saturdays 10am to 4pm and various other times to suit. For more details contact Stan at ALP.



ALP GROUPS

Monday

- 5.15-7 A Small World (fortnightly)
- 6-9 Welcoming Cinema Club
- 7.15-9.15 Women's Art Space
- 7.15-9.15 Democracy and Active Citizenship

Tuesday

- 10-5 Welcoming Art Workshop
- 1-2.30 A Fayre for Women
- 3-8 Boat Making & Communication Skills
- 7-9 Glory and Dismay: Story of Scottish Football (to be confirmed)
- 7.15-9.15 Aye, Write!

Wednesday

- 11-4 The Welcoming (Methodist Central Hall)
- 6.30-8.30 Spanish Identity in Edinburgh
- Evening: Paulo Freire Reading Circle (monthly)

Thursday

- 11-1.30 Welcoming Healthy Living
- 12.30-2.30 Damned Rebel Bitches
- 1.30-5 Welcoming Art Workshop
- 7-9 Glory and Dismay: Story of Scottish Football (Hearts Football Stadium)
- 7.15-9.15 Welcoming Dance Night (Salsa)

Friday

- 4.30-6 Drop-in English Conversation
- Evening: Pot Luck Suppers (monthly)

Saturday

- 10-4 Boat Making & Communication Skills
- Evening: Socials and Ceilidh Dances

TOLLCROSS GROUPS

Monday

- AM: CBESL (Community Based English as a Second Language), Studio Time
- PM: Children's Art, CBESL
- EVE: Tollcross Circus Club, B/W Photography (all levels)

Tuesday

- AM: Gaelic Class
- PM: CBESL
- EVE: Adult Literacy, Dokuritsu, Edinburgh Samba School, B/W Photography (begs), First Aid

Wednesday

- AM: Gaelic Play Group (Croileagan), Mosaics
- PM: CBESL, Children's Art, WIFIE

Thursday

- AM: Lipreading, CBESL
- EVE: Lothian Gaelic Choir, WIFIE, Reiki and Complimentary Health

Friday

- AM: Gaelic Class, Dressmaking
- PM: Dressmaking, Úlpan
- EVE: Indian Music and Dance Collective, Edinburgh Samba School, Cllr Mark McInnes' Surgery

Saturday

- AM: CEPA
- PM: Fèis (Gaelic youth music)

Sunday

- AM: Capital City Church, CEPA

**OTHER
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ACTIVITIES**

Comann nam Pàrant (Parents' Organisation), Gingerbread Breakfast Club, After School Club and play schemes – meets mornings and afternoons (Monday to Friday), WIFIE (regular sessions), Tollcross Community Council (second Wednesday evening of each month), Scrapbooking Club (monthly), Sudanese Community events, Brazilian Community events (Casa Brazil), Tollcross Centre Management Committee.