

Adult Education in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a review of its provision and support of adult education across the county.

Currently, the council offers adult education through public libraries, its Family Learning team and at Urchfont Manor College (which is due to close in September 2012). Other providers who offer informal adult education include Wiltshire College, The Workers' Educational Association and Learning Curve, in addition to which there is a huge range of activities organised by groups and individuals which takes place in communities across the county.

Understanding the needs of individuals and the perception of informal adult learning in our communities is essential if the council is to be able to support and facilitate the provision of activities to meet those needs.

This consultation will inform cabinet on the role which the council will take to support opportunities for informal adult learning in Wiltshire.

About you

Q1 Name

Q2 Post code of home address.....

Q3 Age

Under 18.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
18-24.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-54.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
55-64.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 65.....	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 Have you taken part in any adult education activity within the past year organised by the following? (please tick all that apply)

Wiltshire College	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urchfont Manor College	<input type="checkbox"/>
Workers' Education Association (WEA)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning Curve	<input type="checkbox"/>
University of Bath.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other education provider (please name below).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have not taken part in any adult education activity in the past year but I may in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have not taken part in any adult education activity in the past year and I am unlikely to in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other education provider:	

What matters most?

Q5 What would encourage you to take part in more organised adult education activities? (please tick the three issues which are most important to you)

- Affordable prices
- Available within five miles of my home
- Having the option to stay away to reduce travelling
- Having the option of staying at the venue so that I can continue to share my experiences with other attendees outside of formal session time
- Topics I am interested in
- Better information on what is available
- High quality venues e.g. hotels

Prices

Q6 What is the maximum amount you would consider paying to attend a full-day (6 hours tuition) course in a subject which interests you? (please tick one option only)

- I would only attend a course which was free, even though I understand that my choice would be limited
- £25
- £50
- £75
- Over £75 for the right course

Q7 How much extra would you be prepared to pay for a residential day (i.e. evening meal, bed and breakfast) (please tick one option only)

- £25
- £50
- £75
- Over £75
- I would not be interested in taking part in a residential course

Travel

Q8 How far would you be prepared to travel to attend a full-day course which interests you? (please tick one option only)

- 0-5 miles
- 6-10 miles
- 11-20 miles
- Over 20 miles

Duration

Q9 Would you like to attend a residential course where you stay at or near where the course is being held? (please tick one option only)

- No
- Yes, to stay at the course venue (e.g. in a hotel or college)
- Yes, to stay near to the course venue (e.g. bed and breakfast)

- Q10** If you answered yes to question 9 above, how long would you like a course to be?
(please tick all that apply)
- 2 days
 - 3 days
 - 4 days
 - 5 days
 - 6 days
 - 7 days
 - over 7 days.....

- Q11** What form would you prefer a non-residential course to take?
(please tick one option only)
- Full days of six hours tuition each
 - Day or evening sessions of three hours each taking place in the same week
 - Day or evening sessions of three hours each taking place once a week across a number of weeks

Content

- Q12** What subjects and topics might you take part in a course about?
(please tick all that apply)
- Basic skills (e.g. literacy and numeracy)
 - Skills and knowledge which will help my career (e.g. computing and IT, childcare, management)
 - Art and design
 - Crafts.....
 - Languages
 - Construction and DIY
 - History and archaeology
 - Other, please specify -

Information

- Q13** How would you prefer to find out about adult education opportunities
(please tick all that apply)
- Advertisements in newspapers and magazines.....
 - Internet search
 - Direct from providers
 - Information in public libraries
 - Local advertisements (e.g. posters in shop windows or on the street)
 - Word of mouth
 - Other, please specify -

- Q14** Would you like to be able to find information on all adult education opportunities from different providers in your area in one place? (please tick one option only)
- No
 - Yes, on the internet.....
 - Yes, in printed form.....
 - Yes, in public libraries and other public buildings.....

Suitable accommodation

Q15 **Where would you like adult education courses to be held?** (please tick all that apply)

- Schools and college premises
- Village and community halls
- Public libraries
- Wiltshire Council premises (e.g. leisure centres, community hubs)
- Hotels

Q16 **What refreshments would you like adult education courses to offer?**

(please tick one option only)

- No refreshments
- Basic refreshments (e.g. tea / coffee)
- Light refreshments (e.g. sandwiches and cakes)
- Full meals (e.g. cooked lunch)

Thank you for completing this survey, if you have any other comments or suggestions please enter them below -

Q17 **Other comments:**

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Please return this survey in the envelope provided by 19 June 2012. If you do not have an envelope please post it to:

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