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Subject: Invitation to apply for Oxfordshire Learning Network (OLN) project funding

Hello Everyone

Can your organisation contribute to the Oxfordshire Learning Network (OLN) strategic priorities by delivering learning opportunities or short engagement courses for our priority groups? If so, we have a small amount of funding available to support them. I attach an application form and guidance notes.

I am also running a free workshop to talk through the application process and course management arrangements so potential applicants can decide if an OLN Project is right for them before going through the application process. The workshop will run twice: 25 September in Kidlington and 6 October in Abingdon.

Please see below for:

- a list of the OLN priority groups
- funding available
- timetable for application and project delivery
- links to the College website to find out more about the free workshops and to enrol

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you know of any other organisations that might be interested please forward these details to them.

Thanks

Kind regards

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OLN Priority Target Groups
Low Skilled
People with a low level of digital literacy
Low Income or on Income Related Benefits
Black and Ethnic Minority
Unemployed / Not in Paid Employment
People in Rural Areas without access to private transport due to age, disability or low income
People living in isolation
Adults with LDD
Carers
People at risk of developing mental illness eg those suffering from stress or anxiety; people suffering from mental illness and those recovering from mental illness.
People with or recovering from drug or alcohol dependency
People at risk of homelessness; the homeless and people with a history of homelessness
Ex Offender and those serving their sentence in the community or on probation
Low levels of English or maths
Living in areas with low participation in post-16 education.
Living in areas in the 10% most deprived nationally
Over 65 years
Care leavers aged 19+
Refugees, asylum seekers and migrant workers (that meet SFA Eligibility Criteria)
Parents
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT)
Volunteers
New OLN Strategic Objective
Protecting the environment

We are particularly interested in the following categories which are currently under-represented in our Community Learning provision :

- Homelessness
- Refugees
- Care Leavers (aged 19+)
- People living in rural isolation

And

- Activities which contribute to the OLN's new strategic priority of Protecting the environment/ Sustainability

OLN funding available:

Continuation funding for previous successful projects: South and East Oxfordshire: £3,300 Red Kite Family Centre North and West Oxfordshire: £2,000 Windrush Bike Project CIC	Total Budget for OLN Projects: £15,000 Total available for new projects 2020-21: £9,700 Applications for new projects should be for up to £2,5000
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OLN Projects 2020 - 2021 Timetable

25 September Kidlington Adult Learning	Workshop to introduce potential applicants to what is involved in running an OLN project
6 October Abingdon Campus	Workshop to introduce potential applicants to what is involved in running an OLN project
28 September – 30 October	Consultation with OAL Subcontractor Manager available
2 November	Deadline for applications to be submitted
2 November – 6 November	Applications reviewed and further information sought where necessary
w/c 9 November	Decisions made by Funding Panel
16 November – 27 November	Due diligence (1:1 support available)
1 December	Full Due Diligence Pack to be submitted
2 December Kidlington Adult Learning	Course Management and Quality Processes course for successful applicants
w/c 7 December	Contracts issued
4 January - 31 July 2021	Project delivery

To attend workshops to introduce potential applicants to what is involved in running an OLN project please enrol via our website:

<https://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/courses/oln-projects-how-to-apply-for-funding-and-project-management-arrangements-498371> (Kidlington on 25 September)

<https://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/courses/oln-projects-how-to-apply-for-funding-and-project-management-arrangements-655008> (Abingdon on 6 October)



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