

# CALLING ALL ADULT LEARNERS

**Are you interested in having your voice heard? Then join the National Adult Learner Forum!**

**What does the National Adult Learners' Forum aim to do?**

The main aims of the forum are promotion, advocacy and sharing

## PROMOTION

Promotion will involve members of the National Adult Learners' Forum (supported by AONTAS) to work together to get a clear message across to the potential adult learners, the general public, funders, politicians and policy makers about:

- The value of adult education (to learn something new, to get a qualification, to make friends, to improve your health)
- Where you can get information about adult education courses
- What kinds of education courses are available (there are thousands of courses available in Ireland, from local community groups, in the local VEC, to higher level – there is something for everyone at all levels)

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy will involve members of the National Adult Learners' Forum coming together to bring about changes in adult and community education to benefit adult learners and make sure that learners are heard when policies are developed. Through advocacy NALF will work to improve adult education in Ireland by:

- Representing the learners' voice
- Encouraging politicians to see the value of adult learning and ask them to commit to keeping the current funding and addressing the issues.
- Working together to identify what issues face learners, why this is important and how the situation can be improved.

## SHARING

The National Adult Learners' Forum will be a place for Learners to share your experience, get ideas and support so learners have a place to help and encourage each other.

- By sharing ideas and experience at meetings of the National Adult Learner Forum
- By making sure all members of the National Adult Learner Forum able to participate at a level they are happy with.



**I'm Interested: What next?**

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