



## **Network with other Adult Learners!**

In order to raise the voice of adult learners in Ireland we have created online discussion forums. This 'googlegroup' is simply an online forum that you join, using a gmail email address, and you can add discussion topics, respond to topics, share your experience, raise awareness about a policy issue etc...

The idea of this forum is to create an opportunity for learners to discuss their ideas and issues with each other and to help each other reach a solution together. AONTAS will also participate in the forum to ensure that we are aware of the issues of learners and we will respond by hosting meetings, writing press releases and position papers as required.

Join our online discussion group: <http://groups.google.ie/group/aontas-learner-networks>

## **How to Get a Gmail Account (Email)**

### **Step 1**

Open the Internet.

### **Step 2**

Log onto the main Gmail Web site: [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com)

This will allow you to sign up for a Gmail account.

### **Step 3**

Click on the "Sign up for Gmail" link located on the right-hand side of the screen.

### **Step 4**

Input your name and desired login name. Click the "Check for Availability" button to see if your login name is already taken.




### **Step 5**

Choose a security question that will identify you to the Web site if you forget your username or password. Gmail lets you pick from four basic security questions or write your own. Enter the answer to your security question below.

### **Step 6**

Enter a secondary email address (another email address if you have one) to verify your account in case you forget your password. Choose your country of residence from a list.

### **Step 7**

Type in the word verification from the graphic you see toward the bottom of the page. If you cannot read this click the  and it will call out a number for you to type. Read the terms and conditions and click the “I Accept. Create my Account” button.

### **Step 8**

The next webpage will say ‘Congratulations’ welcome to gmail. Click ‘I’m ready show me my account’ on the top right side of the page.

*You now have a gmail address, just remember your user name and you password! You are now ready to join the adult learner discussion group!*

## **How to Use the Learner Network Forum**

### **Step 1**

Open the Internet.

### **Step 2**

Log onto the AONTAS Learner Network Forum **clicking on “Sign in” at the top left of the page:**  
<http://groups.google.ie/group/aontas-learner-networks>



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**AONTAS Learner Networks** Search this group Search groups

**Home** New since last time: 1 file

Welcome to the AONTAS Learner Network online!

This is a webpage for you to discuss your issues regarding learning with other learners. If you are interested in starting a discussion just click on 'discussions' and create a new post to talk about something you are interested in or just have a read through some of the areas for discussion and make your comments.

The reason we set this group is to allow learners to contact each other and to work together on their issues with learning. It enables AONTAS to raise these issues nationally.

If you need any further information about this please don't hesitate to contact [noreilly@aontas.com](mailto:noreilly@aontas.com) for more information.  
Happy networking!

[www.aontas.com](http://www.aontas.com)

**Discussions** 2 of 3 messages [view all](#) + new post

[Adult Learners Discussion](#)  
By Niamho - 5 Mar - 1 author - 1 reply  
[Senior Learner Network Demands](#)  
By Niamho - 18 Dec 2008 - 1 author - 0 replies

**Pages** All 3 pages [view all](#) + add page

[www.aontas.com](http://www.aontas.com)  
Last updated by Niamho - 24 Feb

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Google Groups **Welcome to the new Groups**

Along with familiar features like group creation and search, Google Groups has a new look and exciting new features. Now you can:

- Create rich custom group web pages
- Customise your group's look and graphics
- Upload files for your members to share
- Share member profiles
- And more...

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Sign in to Google Groups with your **Google Account**

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Password:

Remember me on this computer.

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You can also find the forum by searching the googlegroups

Go to <http://groups.google.ie>

Search groups 'AONTAS'. There will be the learner network forum.

### Step 3

You will open the forum. It will give you an overview of the Learner Network Forum.

The screenshot shows the AONTAS Learner Networks Google Groups page. The browser title is "AONTAS Learner Networks | Google Groups - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "http://groups.google.ie/group/aontas-learner-networks". The page is logged in as "your name" (indicated by a red arrow). The main content area includes a welcome message, a list of discussions (e.g., "Adult Learners Discussion", "Senior Learner Network Demands"), and a members list. The sidebar on the right contains navigation links such as "HOME", "DISCUSSIONS", "MEMBERS", "PAGES", "FILES", and "Group info".

### Step 4

Decide what you could like to do **clicking on the menu on the right:**

#### Engage in online discussions?

1. Look at what other people are writing about go to: [Discussions](#) on the main webpage. You can click on [Discussions](#) and see all the topics. Click on the title of that topic. To respond to a discussion click the 'reply' button.
2. To create a new topic, go to the end of the list of discussion topics and click ' + New Post'.



## Find other members of the Forum?

The screenshot shows the AONTAS Learner Networks Google Groups page. The page has a blue header with the AONTAS logo and the text 'AONTAS Learner Networks'. Below the header, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area includes a welcome message, a list of discussions, and a members list. The 'MEMBERS' link in the right-hand navigation menu is circled in red.

1. Go to [Members](#)
2. Click on the [Members](#) link
3. If you want to invite other community education groups just click '+ Add or invite new members' and send a message to their email address

## Find or add another webpage?

1. Go to the [Pages](#) link

## Share a document/read one?

1. Go to [Files](#) and click + Upload File

*The main aim is to increase communications between adult learners so have a go, practice a few times and if you have any questions please email Niamh on [noreilly@aontas.com](mailto:noreilly@aontas.com).*