



Limerick City Adult Education Service
Learning for Life



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Capturing the Wider Benefits of Learning Pilot Programme

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What did we do and why?

- **Have a wealth of anecdotal evidence, feedback and observations observed over the years.**
- **Communities and Community Education have little/no data to show the impacts and benefits of community learning.**
- **Time to start to record this data**
 - **For learners**
 - **For Tutors**
 - **For communities**
 - **For funders**
- **Explored and analyzed the types of things that learners were saying- were able to group the data into four main categories.**
- **Piloted a Self Assessment Tool that was hoped could record subject related and wider benefit related outcomes.**

What do we mean by the Wider Benefits of Learning?

Anecdotal Evidence

Personal Learning

- Improved self-esteem
- Confidence/energised
- Positive focus
- Social interaction
 - -Less depressed
 - -Reason to get out of bed
- Empathy
- Expands possibilities
- Pride – sense of achievement

Health and Wellbeing

- Improved mental health
- Stress reduction
- Hand-eye co-ordination
- Improved optimism/happiness
- Reason to get out of bed Monday morning
- Empowering people to do more for themselves

Family and Community

- Awareness of surroundings
 - Social/political outlooks widen
 - Broaden cultural outlook
 - Social diversity
 - Reconnects people with the community and local centres
- Acceptance within family circle
- Empathy with other people in similar circumstances

Education and Employment

- Economic benefits
- Opens up idea of new career profession
- Access to information
- Platform to display talents/work
- Communication skills
- Helps people to identify their own needs
- Lead to further education

Approach-Process to date

- ◉ Have gathered data from 32 classes to date
- ◉ Inputted data from over 200 learners by June 2011
- ◉ Useful method to gather data from relatively large group of learners
- ◉ Self Assessment tool not an evaluation tool
- ◉ Facilitated by the tutor
- ◉ Two side subject related Outcomes and The Wider Benefits of Learning



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SO HOW DID I DO?



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Capturing the Wider Benefits of Learning Assessment Method.

Side Two: Has taking part in this class had any impact on you in any of the following areas? Fill your answer in the bubble.

My Personal Learning

My Health and Wellbeing

My Family or My Community

My Education or Employment

Learner Name:.....(Optional) Subject:..... Tutor Name:.....

Venue:..... Date:.....

Capturing the Wider Benefits of Learning Assessment Tool.

Side Two: Has taking part in this class had any impact on you in any of the following areas? Fill your answer in the bubble.

My Personal Learning

I feel I can cope better and not
lose my temper so easily now

My Health or Wellbeing

I feel happier in myself because
I am going out meeting people
having a laugh talking and
doing things in groups

My Family or My Community

Helped do exercise
together with my wife
that we normally
wouldn't do

My Education or Employment

I feel less afraid of attending
a course now

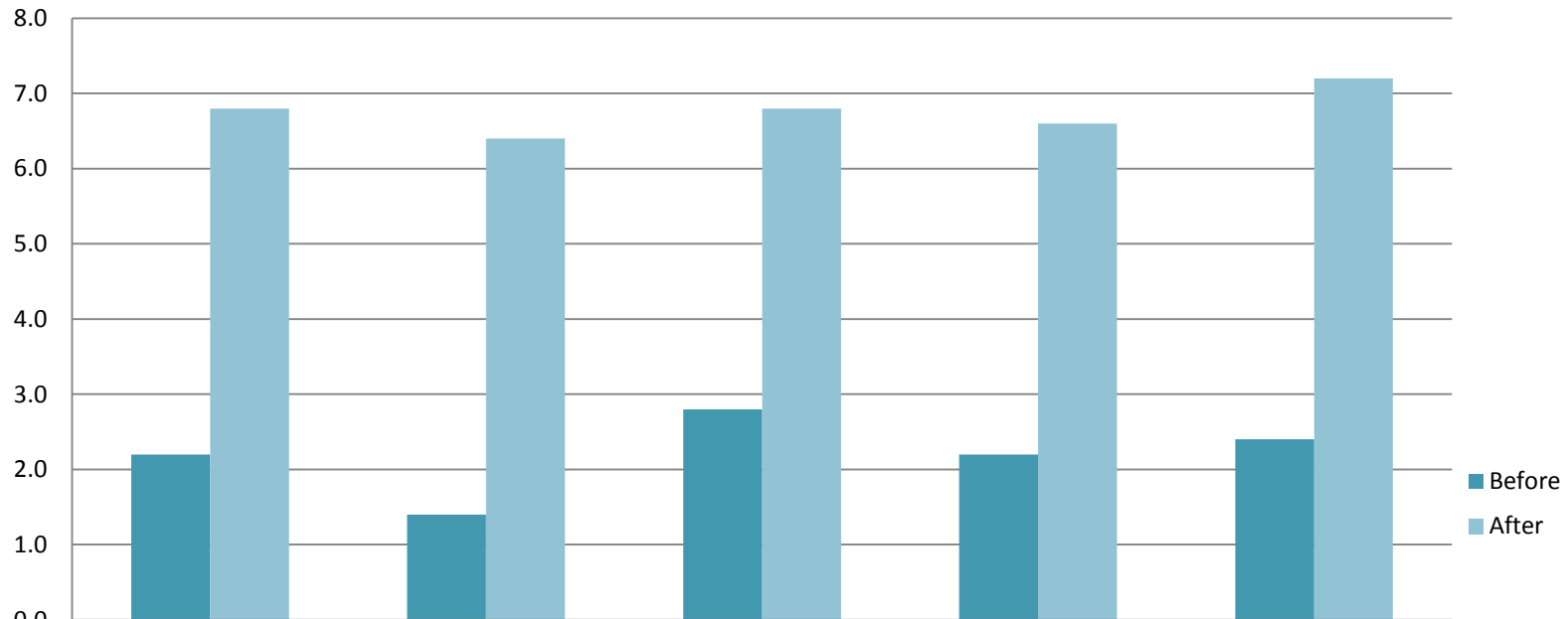
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Subject
Venue:

Tutor Name:
Date:

Outcomes of the Pilot Project- Examples of Findings

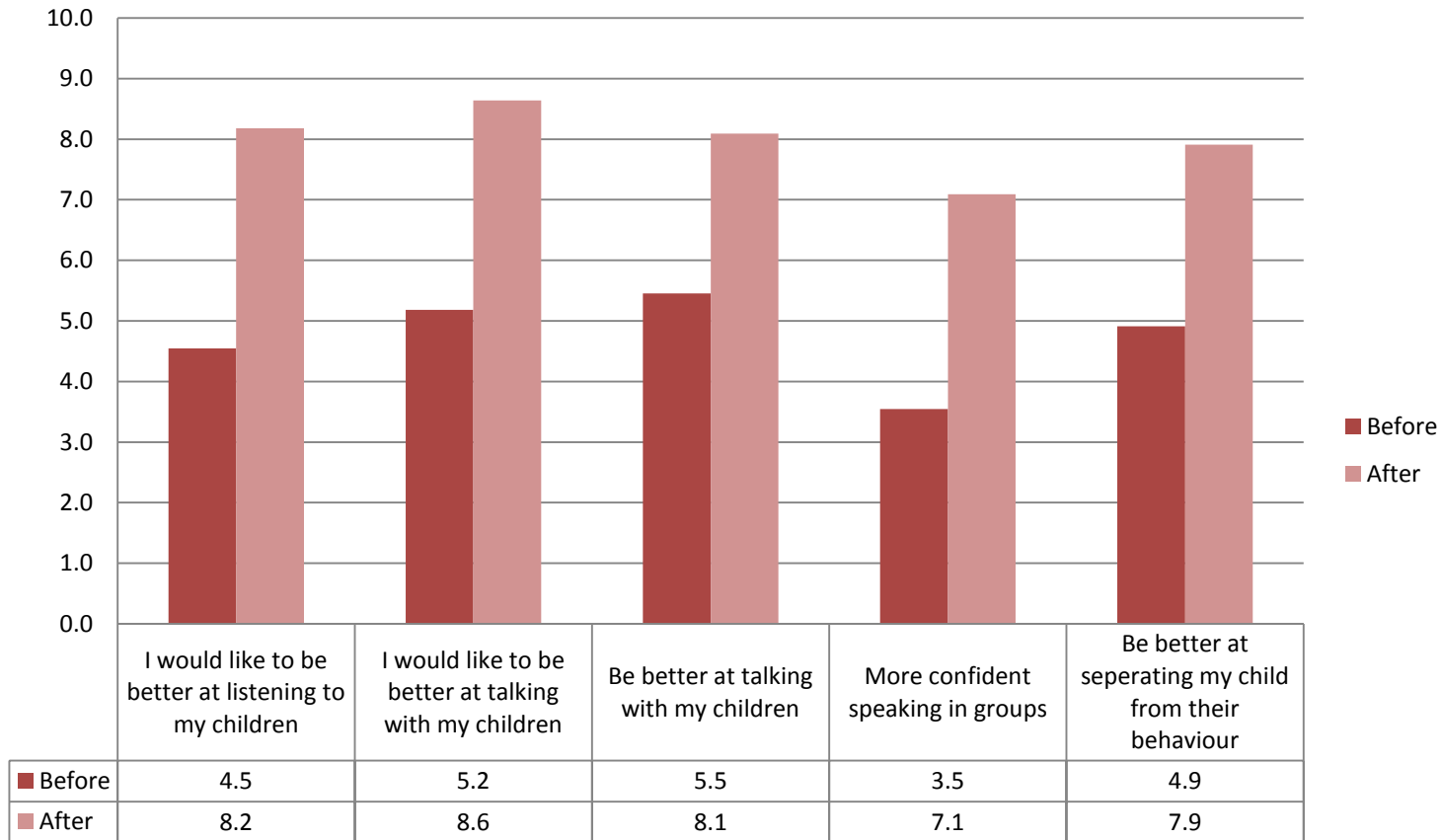
OLQP-Art



	I would like to have completed a picture I could frame	I would like to have learned to mix the right colours	I would like to have awoken my inner creativity	I would like to have a better knowledge of my art materials	I would like to have a sense of achievement and accomplishment when I look at what I have created
■ Before	2.2	1.4	2.8	2.2	2.4
■ After	6.8	6.4	6.8	6.6	7.2

Another Example

Cool Talking



Before and after rating of Learning Outcomes-Group Average

Wordle... Word Cloud



More Wordles

I can practice speaking English
Having fun exchanging experience
My family is happy that I have a class to learn Have learned lots of new skills
I can make nice things for my family and friends
Never to late to learn Good to get an opportunity to meet in a friendly place
Great to meet people from other cultures and religions
Better understanding of non-national people in our community
I talk about our country to Irish people and I learn about this country
how much we are the same and how much we are different
Have learner a lot about other peoples cultures
I speak English with good new friends in class Very interesting
I can make nice things for my child
I am learning how to make things

Limitations and Where to From Here?

- ◉ Dissemination of Outcomes
 - ◉ Large learner population
 - ◉ Advantage over case study
 - ◉ Future plans-sampling Sep 2011-June 2012
 - ◉ Resource Intensive-transcribing and inputting of data
 - ◉ Learners with Literacy issues-more creative facilitation
 - ◉ Resources-Moodle
- <http://vle.limerickcityaes.ie/course/>
- ◉ Wordle-www.wordle.net

Resources-Moodle

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1 Editable Template

Here is an editable version of the Capturing the Wider Benefits of Learning template.

[Capturing the Wider Benefits of Learning Editable Template](#)

2 Presentations from previous sessions

These are session plans and presentations from the 4 sessions that Community Education tutors have taken part in so far.

[Session Plan from Session One](#)

[Session 2 Presentation](#)

[Prezi from Session 3](#)

[Presentation from Session 4-The Pilot Phase](#)

[Powerpoint Session 5](#)

3 Tutor Resource Pack

This is a zip file of the resources that were given out in September 2010 Session introducing the Pilot phase of the project.

[Handouts/Resources from Pilot Phase](#)

4 Sept-Dec 2010 pilot -Findings and lessons learned

[Where did the pilot happen](#)

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Course updates:

Updated Resource:
Where did the pilot happen

Added Resource:
Collated findings from the pilot

Added Resource:
What did tutors learn from the pilot

Added Resource:
Powerpoint Session 5