

The AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival: "Spring Into Learning"

Spring Into Learning celebrates new beginnings, fresh ideas and the joy of learning at every stage of life.



Free Resources for your Event

At the AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival, we celebrate learning! This week-long festival happens every year in March, and we bring people together from all over the island of Ireland.

When: 2nd to 6th March

Where: Across the island of Ireland

We're inviting adult and community education groups across the island to hold events in and around the Festival week, to raise awareness of adult learning and to celebrate the fantastic work you do every day in your local communities.

What kind of events could you run:

Events can be longer or shorter – a full day or an hour.

They can be formal, like a taster class showing what you do.

They can be informal, like a coffee morning or a walk and a chat in your local area. It just has to be free and open to everyone!

Examples of events:

- Drop-in guidance desk at an ETB or FET centre
- Taster session on basic gardening tips
- Easy one-hour IT class
- Meditation workshop
- Taster one-hour class in art history
- Walk-and-talk with current learners around a local park

Where might you advertise your event:

- Local post office
- Local café
- Supermarket or local shop
- Local library
- Intreo office
- A gallery or museum
- Email your local library and ask if they can share your event
- Let your local paper or radio station know
- Your website or social media – use #SpringIntoLearning

During and after your event:

Remember to take photos during your event. Ask people to smile for the camera and use the posters and resources as background or props for your photos.

Afterwards, you could send photos and details of your event to your local paper. Don't forget to send them to us too!

Free resources for your adult learning event:

Poster: [Download and print this poster](#)

Zoom Background: [Download and set as your background for online events](#)

Social media graphics:

Use these editable templates and promote your event: [Canva templates](#)

Don't forget to use the hashtags #SpringIntoLearning

Send us your photos and we'll share about your event. Last year, we reached over 4 million readers!

Get even more resources by post:

The first 80 events submitted to our website before **23rd February 2026** can get a **free resource pack** posted out to you, with bunting, printed posters, and photo props to help you celebrate!

This year, we will also support the first 40 organisations to submit an event with a **€100 voucher**, which you can use to buy resources or to support learners.

[Submit your event today.](#)

[Learn more about the Adult Learners' Festival](#)

Get in touch with any questions at alf@aontas.com