

Lifelong Learning and Employability and Communities Team

Update from the Lasswade Team

February 2017

Welcome to our first newsletter. Our aim is to keep you informed with what's happening in your community, give you information about how you can get involved and the support that's available.

Lifelong Learning and Employability (LLE) and the Communities Team are working together in your area. LLE are working together to improve learning, life and work opportunities for young people and adults and families. The Communities Team are building the capacity of community groups and supporting them to reduce inequalities, improve the quality of life and encourage people to have their say.

The Lasswade Team covers : Rosewell, Bonnyrigg, Lasswade, Poltonhall, Loanhead & Damhead.

Free swimming in Midlothian

Remember to get along and enjoy free swimming sessions during the holidays, Monday—Friday 10:30-4:30pm (Last entry 3:30) at Midlothian swimming pools for anyone under 18.



Jobs Roadshow

An opportunity to meet with employers to find about job opportunities , apprenticeships and Internships.

If you are :

- S4-S6 School summer leaver
- Young College Leaver
- Young person who has left school within the last 3 years

Come along to Newbattle Abbey College Dalkeith on Wednesday 1st March between 9.00am & 1.00pm

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& EAST LOTHIAN
Developing the
Young Workforce

Aim High

Opportunities for Adults and Families

Easter Sale

Parents at Positive Steps (Midlothian Sure Start) are working with LLE to achieve an accredited unit in Enterprise. As part of their unit they are holding an Easter sale to raise money for summer trips for the children and toys for the nursery. The fair will be on Saturday 1st April, 2017, at The Lasswade Centre from 8.30am. Come along and check out the stalls: tombola, books, children's toys and home baking.



Employability Award

There are still spaces for the Employability Award for adults 16+ with support needs. The course starts on Monday 6th March 2017, 9.30-12.30 in Eskdail Court.



Computing

There are spaces in our 'computing for life' programme. Thursday mornings at the Lasswade library, to learn about how you can use a computer to help with common tasks.

Online booking

We will be launching full online booking and payments for our classes in September, but in the meantime we will be trialing a few classes this term with the 'Eventbrite' system, please give it a go and let us know if you have any problems.

Other classes

We have a large range of other classes available now and we are putting together the programme for 2017/18. Please get in touch to let us know what classes you are interested in.

Please check us out on social media:

[facebook.com/LLEMidlothian](https://www.facebook.com/LLEMidlothian)
twitter.com/LLEadult_family
lleadultsfamilies.wordpress.com



Contact the Lasswade office for more information, 0131 271 4535 or gavin.crosby@midlothian.gov.uk

Opportunities for Young People

Monday	Girls Group @ The Kabin, Loanhead P6—S2	6.30-8.00pm	£1.30
Thursday	Healthy Respect Drop In @ The Lasswade Centre, S1+ (free and confidential sexual health information and advice)	3.30—5.30	
Thursday	Lasswade Drop In P7-S4 community room	5.45—8.15	
Thursday	Youth Club @ Bonnyrigg Primary School P6-P7	6.15-7.45pm	£1.30
Friday	Loanhead Junior Club @ LCLC P1-P5	6.15—8.00	£2.00
Friday	Friday Night Music Project @ The Lasswade Centre	4.30—6.30	£2.00
Friday	Guitar Classes @ The Lasswade Centre P6-S2	1.30pm 2.30pm 3.30pm	£3.30
Friday	Streetwork out and about in Bonnyrigg	1-3pm 6.00-8.00pm	

Midlothian Youth Platform are recruiting!

Midlothian Youth Platform is a group of young people aged 12-21 who meet twice a month (2nd Monday, 4th Friday). Our vision is to create an inclusive Midlothian where young people can have an influence on the decisions that effect their lives. We are always looking for new members and ideas so get in touch to find out more.

Friday Night Music Project

Friday Night Music Project meets between 4.30pm –7.00pm in the Music and Drama Classrooms, Assembly Hall and Atrium at Lasswade High School

Scottish Youth Parliament

The SYP elections will take place 3rd—17th March

We will be on site at schools from 12:30—2:30 on these dates

6th—7th at Beeslack and Penicuik, 8th - 9th at Dalkeith and St David's

13th—14th at Lasswade 15th –16th at Newbattle.

The candidates are Megan Kay (LHS) Aimee Gorrie (PHS) Mili Bolatiki (BHS)

Mya Lawson (BHS) and Keiran Harvey (college)



Contact Julia Ellison for more information, 0131 270 5777 or julia.ellison@midlothian.gov.uk

Your community needs you!

Community Councils

Your community council acts as a voice for your community. As well as representing the community to the local authority, community councils facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities, they bring local people together to help make things happen.

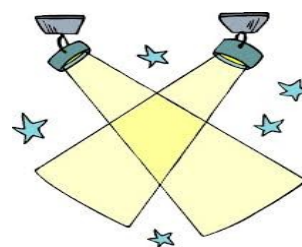


Anyone can go along and get involved or raise an issue. To become a community councillor which will allow you voting rights you must be over 16 and live in the area.

Bonnyrigg and Lasswade Community Council	Meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm, Pavilion in George V Park	Chair: Darius Namdaran Email: chair@bonnyrigg.org.uk
Damhead and District Community Council	Tues 29/3/17, 7pm at the Steading	Chair: Constance Newbould Email: ddcc@mfcc.info
Loanhead and District Community Council	Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm Loanhead Library	Chair: Pat Kenny Email: ldcc16@btinternet.com
Poltonhall and District Community Council	Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm, Lasswade Centre	Chair: John French Email: pdcc.email@gmail.com
Rosewell and District Community Council	Mondays (6/3/17, 24/4/17, 5/6/17) 7pm in Rosewell Parish Church Hall	Chair: John Sime Email: rdcc@email.com

Local group in the spotlight!

If you're a local group and want to let people know about your services or you're looking for volunteers get in touch and you could be in the spotlight next issue.



Contact your Communities Officer, Catherine Duns for more information, 0131 270 5769 or catherine.duns@midlothian.gov.uk