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Innovation & Skills

[Our aim]

Lifelong learning plays an integral part in contributing to the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. It leads to greater self-esteem, better health and a more cohesive civil society.

Here are some of the highlights over the last year to show how we've helped thousands of individuals, organisations and self-organised groups develop their passion for lifelong learning.



“Thousands of people, many of whom may have been turned off education by the experience of going to school, find lots of reasons to enjoy the experience of learning when they get older.”

Councillor David Rogers,
Chair of the Community
Wellbeing Board, Local
Government Association

“This is a great chance for people of all ages to have a go at something new, and perhaps even surprise themselves by unearthing hidden talents. Whatever your interests, the Learning Revolution is a great opportunity to learn new skills and have good fun meeting other people in the process.”

Councillor Jim Foreman,
South Tyneside Council



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Highlights



Mounting the Festival of Learning
in October when over

200,000
people took
part in
2,500 events

700 Community
Learning
Champions

registering on the website, part of
a national programme designed
to see a flourishing network of
Community Learning Champions.

School of Everything

Enhancing the School of
Everything website to bring
everything together for the first
time – learners, teachers, groups,
courses, venues and resources.
www.schoolofeverything.com

4,500
organisations making
the learning pledge

from small community groups
to household names like Asda
and Barclays.

Creating an **evidence base** and
policy map for policy-makers
and practitioners to make the
case for informal adult learning.

Leaving a legacy of informal learning
in communities by funding more than

300 new
projects

from the £20 million
Transformation Fund.

Making informal adult learning
a good news story by securing

880 press
stories

equivalent to 46 million views and
£1,100,000 advertising equivalent.

Publishing a wealth of **resources**
designed to get more people
learning, more groups running
learning activities and more
organisations opening up
venues for learning.

What's next

We've been overwhelmed
by people's thirst for
learning and their real life
stories of how learning can
transform lives. Working
with our partners, we want
to continue to promote
learning as a positive
force to enrich the lives of
individuals and bind us
together as families, friends
and as communities.

