

Welcome to the Adult Learning Survey

If you require this survey in an alternative format, please contact us at adultlearningsurvey@gov.scot

About this survey

This survey is being conducted by the Scottish Government in partnership with Education Scotland and the CLD Standards Council.

We would like to invite adults in Scotland to complete the survey to tell us about where they learn, why they learn, when they learn and how their learning experience could be improved. This information will then be used to develop the adult learning strategy for Scotland.

Why are we consulting?

The Scottish Government recognises the need to develop Adult Learning. We are developing an adult learning strategy and would like to learn more about adult learners. This will help us to develop a strategy to meet the needs of learners.

What we would like to know?

We are trying to find out:

- Where learning takes place
- When learning takes place
- Why learning takes place

We would also like to learn about the challenges people face in trying to access learning opportunities. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who are learning and people who would like to learn.

This could involve adults learning in a range of ways and places, such as:

- in communities
- at home
- in colleges
- online
- in the work place

How will this information I provide be used?

We will use the information you provide, along with our partners, to make decisions on how to develop the Adult Learning Strategy for Scotland. No personal data will be stored or shared with partners.

Questions related to the Consultation

If you require any clarification or have any questions regarding the consultation, please email the Community Learning and Development Policy Team at the following email address adultlearning@gov.scot

Q1.	<p>Are you currently involved in learning?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No
Q2.	<p>Where are you learning? <i>Please choose all that apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College• Community centre• School/nursery• Tenants' hall/room• Church• Library• Other community venue• University• Online• At home• At work• Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="368 1025 1267 1084" type="text"/>
Q3.	<p>Do you know which organisation provides your course?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No <p>If yes please provide details below</p> <input data-bbox="363 1375 1294 1433" type="text"/>
Q4.	<p>What are you learning? <i>Please choose all that apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading, writing, numbers• English Language (ESOL)• Digital skills• Qualification• Personal development• If Qualification / personal development or Other please specify below: <input data-bbox="400 1928 1331 1986" type="text"/>

Q5.	<p>How are you learning?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a group • One - to – One • Online • On my own • Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="371 465 1302 526" type="text"/>
Q6.	<p>What do you hope to achieve with your current learning?</p> <p>Improvements in: <i>Please choose all that apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Life • Family Life • Community Life/Volunteering/Citizenship • Work Life/Employability • Finances/Money • Physical Health • Mental Wellbeing • Social Life/Relationships (e.g. friendships, social networking) • Creative skills • Cultural awareness • Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="384 1261 1315 1321" type="text"/>
Q7.	<p>How did you choose your current learning?</p> <p><i>Please choose all that apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice from a community learning and development worker • Employability referral • Brochure/leaflet • Website • Social media • Word of mouth – friend? • Guidance worker • Skills Development Scotland (My world of work) • Other (Please specify) <input data-bbox="384 1951 1315 2011" type="text"/>

<p>Q8.</p>	<p>Do you intend to progress onto something else after your current learning? <i>Please tick all that apply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College course • University course • A further qualification • A community based learning opportunity • A training, apprenticeship or vocational programme • A job/employment • A better job or a promotion • Volunteering • A community group, organisation or committee • I don't intend to progress onto anything else
<p>Q9.</p>	<p>Where would you like to learn that you are not currently able to? <i>Please choose all that apply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College • Community centre • School/nursery • Tenants' hall/room • Church • Library • University • Online • At home • At work • I am happy with current access options • Other community venue <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 550px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
<p>Q10.</p>	<p>What would you like to learn that you don't currently have access to? <i>Please choose all that apply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading, writing, numbers • English Language (ESOL) • Computing • Qualification • Personal development • I am happy with current learning options • Other <p>If Qualification / personal development or Other please specify below:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 550px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

Q11.	<p>How would you prefer to learn?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a group • One to One • Online • On my own • Other (please specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 50%; margin-left: 20px;"></div>
Q12.	<p>How would you prefer to find out about learning opportunities? <i>Please choose all that apply</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice from a community learning and development worker • Brochure/leaflet • Website • Social media • Word of mouth – friend? • Guidance worker • Skills Development Scotland (my world of work) • Other (please specify): <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 50%; margin-left: 20px;"></div>
Q13.	<p>Have you ever faced any of the following barriers or challenges when trying to access adult learning opportunities? <i>Please choose all the barriers which have made it difficult for you to learn as an adult:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I don't know what learning is available • There is nowhere to learn in my local area • I don't have the time to learn due to my caring responsibilities • I am not confident with computers or going on line • I find it difficult to complete applications • I am worried my poor health may stop me learning • My English is not good • I didn't like learning at school and am worried adult learning will be the same • I am not confident when meeting new people • I am worried what other people think about me

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am nervous about learning in large groups• I am not confident reading and writing• I get worried about interviews• I don't know how I would travel to learn• I can't afford the travel costs to go and learn• I can't afford the costs of learning• My employer won't pay for my learning and I can't afford it• I need special equipment to help me learn• I don't have my own computer• I might need lots of help to learn• My family and friends don't want me to do it• I can't learn as I have to look after my children• I am not confident that I will be able to learn• I can't learn as I need personal care• My employer won't give me time off to learn• I have not experienced barriers to learning• Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="392 1106 1321 1167" type="text"/>
Q14.	Which gender best describes you? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer not to answer• Male (Including transgender male)• Female (Including transgender female)• Non-binary• Prefer to self-describe (please specify): <input data-bbox="392 1541 1321 1601" type="text"/>
Q15.	Do consider yourself Disabled? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No• Prefer not to answer

Q16. If yes please tick all that apply

- Prefer not to answer
- Physical disability
- Mental health disability
- Hidden disability
- Learning disability
- Dyslexia
- Other (please specify):

Q17.	<p>What is your Ethnic Origin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White - English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British• White - Irish• White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller• Any other White background• White and Black Caribbean• White and Black African• White and Asian• Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background• Indian• Pakistani• Bangladeshi• Chinese• Any other Asian background• African• Caribbean• Any other Black / African / Caribbean background• Arab• Any other ethnic group• Prefer not to answer
Q18.	<p>Are you employed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No• Prefer not to Answer
Q19.	<p>If yes, do you work -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full time• Part-time• Zero Hours contract• Prefer not to answer• Other (please specify): <div data-bbox="400 1675 1331 1733" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 26px; width: 583px;"></div>

Q20.	<p>Where do you work?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer not to answer• Private sector (e.g. shop, private business, commercial company)• Public sector (e.g. local council, school, NHS)• Third sector (e.g. charity, community organisation)• Self employed• Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="384 488 1362 548" type="text"/>
Q21.	<p>How many people work for your employer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 employees or less• Between 5 and 50 employees• Between 50 and 200 employees• Between 200 and a thousand employees• Over five thousand employees• Prefer not to answer
Q22.	<p>Do you volunteer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes• No• Prefer not to Answer <p>If yes, please describe</p> <input data-bbox="331 1308 1394 1368" type="text"/>
Q23.	<p>Which of the following statements best describes your qualifications level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have no qualifications• I left school with some O Grades/Standard Grades• I left school with some Highers• I have an HNC / HND level qualification• I have a Degree level qualification (or above)• I left school with other certificates• I have gained other certificates in the community• I have gained other certificates / qualifications through work• Please describe other certificates here: <input data-bbox="400 1917 1331 1977" type="text"/>

Q24.	<p>What did you do after you left school?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I left school and went straight into the workplace• I left school and went to college• I left school and went to university• I left school and took an apprenticeship• I left school and entered training• None of the above• Prefer not to answer• Other (please specify): <input data-bbox="405 595 1337 654" type="text"/>
Q25.	<p>Which age bracket applies to you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16-24• 25-39• 40-49• 50-64• 65+
Q26.	<p>What is the first part of your post code?</p> <input data-bbox="399 1126 555 1184" type="text"/>