

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION - EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

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This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of information on Education and Lifelong Learning but hopefully it will be of some use. If there are any websites/organisations that you think should be included, please email: [margaret.nisbet@mvacvs.org.uk](mailto:margaret.nisbet@mvacvs.org.uk).

MVA have produced a number of other Information Lists - for details go to the MVA website - <http://www.mvacvs.org.uk/publications/mva/index.html>

ORGANISATION/ SERVICE	CONTACT/WEBSITE	NOTES
Careers Scotland	<a href="http://www.careers-scotland.org.uk/home/home.asp">http://www.careers-scotland.org.uk/home/home.asp</a>	Includes information on career guidance, cv building, businesses etc
Centre for Continuing Education, Office of Lifelong Learning, The University of Edinburgh	<a href="http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk">www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk</a>	
Community Care Providers Scotland (CCPS) - the association of voluntary sector organisations providing care and support services in Scottish communities	<a href="http://www.ccpscotland.org/index">www.ccpscotland.org/index</a>	Website includes lots of information
Housing Support Enabling Unit (HSEU)	<a href="http://www.ccpscotland.org/hseu">www.ccpscotland.org/hseu</a>	
Independent Learning Accounts	0808 100 1090 <a href="http://www.ilascotland.org.uk">http://www.ilascotland.org.uk</a>	Check your eligibility to receive small grant towards training costs.
Jewel & Esk College	<a href="http://www.jec.ac.uk/">www.jec.ac.uk/</a>	Campuses in Dalkeith and Edinburgh

Joseph Rowntree Foundation	<a href="http://www.jrf.org.uk">www.jrf.org.uk</a>	publications
Lead Scotland	<a href="http://www.lead.org.uk/">http://www.lead.org.uk/</a>	Supporting physically and/or sensory impaired adults into learning
Learndirect Scotland	<a href="http://www.learndirectscotland.com/">http://www.learndirectscotland.com/</a>	Information on learning, including info on courses, funding etc
Learning and Teaching Scotland	<a href="http://www.ltscotland.org.uk">www.ltscotland.org.uk</a>	
Learning Link Scotland	<a href="http://www.learninglinkscotland.org.uk">www.learninglinkscotland.org.uk</a>	Supports adult education in the voluntary sector
Library Services (Midlothian)	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/library">www.midlothian.gov.uk/library</a>  (Learning & Libraries)	Wide range of FREE services. These include free access to a number of online courses for Library Members - these include: European Computer Driving Licence; Leadership Skills; and Customer Care.
MALANI (Midlothian Adult Literacy and Numeracy Initiative) - can provide extra literacies support/training for staff in the workplace.	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk">www.midlothian.gov.uk</a>  <a href="http://www.malani.org.uk">www.malani.org.uk</a>	Wide range of support for literacy and numeracy; also English as a Second Language.
Midlothian Council - information on various work programmes, e.g. Training Scheme (MTS); MiTech; etc	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk">www.midlothian.gov.uk</a>  (use SEARCH)	Training in Midlothian for women returners
Midlothian Council - Adult Learning	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/Topic.aspx?TopicId=52">http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/Topic.aspx?TopicId=52</a>	

<b>Midlothian Council Community Learning &amp; Development</b>	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk//Topic.aspx?TopicId=128">www.midlothian.gov.uk//Topic.aspx?TopicId=128</a>	Info includes: Community Learning Centres;
<b>Midlothian Voluntary Action (MVA) Events &amp; Training Calendar</b>	<a href="http://www.mvacvs.org.uk/calendar">www.mvacvs.org.uk/calendar</a>	Calendar advertises wide range of training, including Child and Adult Protection; and MVA Training.
<b>Midlothian Voluntary Action - MVA provide training aimed at staff and Boards/Management Committees. As part of the Skills for Midlothian Businesses (SFMB) project, MVA provide support to key staff from social enterprises and provide training programmes that will develop the skills that are required to operate a social enterprise effectively.</b>	<a href="http://www.mvacvs.org.uk/training/publications/MVAtraining.html">www.mvacvs.org.uk/training/publications/MVAtraining.html</a>	Contact: Tel: 0131 663 9471  See also MVA Training Calendar and sign up for MVA Training News if you wish to receive info on new courses we are running
<b>MVA Training News - The ESSENTIAL guide on in- work training opportunities for social enterprises and voluntary organisations in Midlothian!</b>	Make sure you receive your copy by contacting Lesley Kelly at <a href="mailto:lesley.kelly@mvacvs.org.uk">lesley.kelly@mvacvs.org.uk</a>	
<b>Newbattle Abbey College (near Dalkeith)</b>	<a href="http://www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk/">www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk/</a>	Scotland's only adult education residential college
<b>Open College of the Arts</b>	<a href="http://www.oca-uk.com/">http://www.oca-uk.com/</a>	
<b>Open University</b>	<a href="http://www.open.ac.uk/">http://www.open.ac.uk/</a>	

<b>Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework</b>	<a href="http://www.scqf.org.uk/">http://www.scqf.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.scqf.org.uk/employers/employers-home.aspx">http://www.scqf.org.uk/employers/employers-home.aspx</a> (for employers)	Lots of info on
<b>Scottish Government - Education &amp; Training</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education">www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education</a>	
<b>Scottish Government - Lifelong Learning</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Life-Long-Learning">www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Life-Long-Learning</a>	Adult education residential college
<b>Scottish Government - Work based Training</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Work-based-Training">www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Work-based-Training</a>	
<b>Scottish Government - publications</b>	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications">www.scotland.gov.uk/publications</a>	
<b>Scottish Parliament, Spice Briefings</b>	<a href="http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/research/index.htm">http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/research/index.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.scottish.parliament.uk">www.scottish.parliament.uk</a>	Briefings produced for MSPs on a wide variety of topics
<b>Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) -</b> responsible for raising standards in the Scottish social service workforce.	<a href="http://www.sssc.uk.com">www.sssc.uk.com</a>	Website includes Registration Requirements (incl. timetable); Workforce Planning and analysis; info on Regulation of Care Registration
<b>Scottish Social Services Learning Network South East</b>	<a href="http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk">http://southeast.learningnetworks.org.uk</a>	Supports the learning and development of the social services workforce in the South East of Scotland

<b>Skills for Midlothian Businesses (SFMB) - Are you a Midlothian based SME? If so you may benefit from financial support to reduce your training costs.</b>	<a href="http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/sfmb">www.midlothian.gov.uk/sfmb</a>  To find out how your business could benefit please contact Aileen Scobie on 0131 271 3350 for more information	The Skills for Midlothian Businesses initiative is designed to help companies to up-skill employees in a cost-effective way and to provide FREE Human Resources advice and guidance.
<b>The Big Plus</b>	Helpline 0808 100 1080 <a href="http://www.thebigplus.com">www.thebigplus.com</a>	Assistance with reading, writing and numbers
<b>Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit</b>	<a href="http://www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit">www.ccpscotland.org/workforceunit</a>	

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