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# NEWSLETTER



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## BIG LOTTERY FUND—COMPUTERS FOR THE TERRIFIED

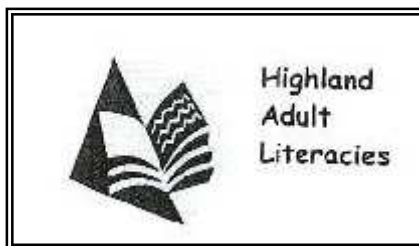
The Big Lottery Project is coming to an end in the summer. So far, over 120 people have taken the Computers for the Terrified class free of charge. The classes have been offered in Aviemore and

Boat of Garten. Once again, our thanks go to Lorraine MacPherson and Iain Murray for their help and of course Penny, our IT Tutor. **Look out for our new project aimed at engaging men into learning!**



## ADULT LITERACY — SIMPLY COMPUTING & HAIL PROJECT

The Simply Computing Project came to an end in March 2006. We assisted over 40 learners. The project was aimed at members of the community and ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) learners. It was funded by the Highland Adult Literacy Network (HAGN) and we are pleased to confirm that our bid for a new project



**Helping Adults Improving Literacy (HAIL)** has been successful. Our new Literacy Support Worker is now

in place and will be in AALP on **Wednesdays from 11am — 6pm**. Anyone living in the community (including ESOL Learners) requiring help with literacy and numeracy can contact AALP on tel: 811981 or pop in and see Rosemary any Wednesday, even initially if it's just for coffee and a chat.

## LEARNDIRECT SCOTLAND—FUNDING & ON-LINE COURSES

Learndirect Scotland launched a challenge fund in the autumn open to LDS Branded Centres. AALP submitted a proposal in October 2005 and were informed in February 2006 that their bid was successful. The funds will enable AALP to upgrade some equip-

ment, purchase an LCD Projector and help cover salary costs over the next two years. Learndirect offer a range of online courses that are available through AALP. Courses can be studied at home, workplace or in AALP.



## HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS GROUP

Since October 2005, Jenny Devlin, our manager, has sat on the HIE Learning Centre Operations Group representing learning centres in Badenoch and Strathspey. The group's aims are: To improve communication between key stakeholders and learning centres within the Highlands and Islands and to work in partnership with the Learning Centre Strategy Group and its members.

**COURSES ON OFFER IN SEPTEMBER 2006**

Remember and apply for your ILA before September and you may be entitled to help with paying for your course.

**NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2006**

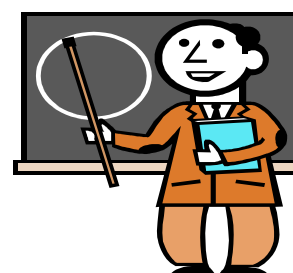
**Perth College**—Flexible Learning Courses:  
Customer Care, Safe Handling of Medicines, Personal Safety.....  
Certificate in Management in the Tourism Industry

<b>NEW— British Sign Language Course</b>	<b>New - Genealogy</b>
<b>Computers for the Terrified</b>	<b>European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)</b>
<b>Introduction to Word, Excel, Database, PowerPoint, Mail merge, Using a Scanner</b>	<b>Advanced ECDL</b>
<b>Intermediate Word, Excel and Databases</b>	<b>IT Intermediate 1</b>
<b>Spanish for Tourists</b>	<b>IT Intermediate 2</b>
<b>French (various levels)</b>	<b>Desktop Publishing</b>
<b>Art (various types)</b>	<b>Introduction to Webpage Design</b>
<b>Digital Photography</b>	<b>Word Processing I, II and III</b>
<b>“The Managers Toolbox”</b>	<b>Internet Basics</b>
<b>E-mail - Sending and receiving attachments</b>	<b>Computer Art using Word</b>

**NEW TUTORS,  
NEW IDEAS FOR  
COURSES**

We are always looking for new tutors and new ideas for courses. If you have a particular skill you would like to share with others or if you have any suggestions for our programme, please contact: Pilar by:

email: [shelterstone@myway.com](mailto:shelterstone@myway.com)  
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tel: 01479 811981



AALP has been an approved **ILA Centre** for over a year. We are pleased to inform you that we passed our first audit in February 2006 . To find out how **you may be able to get help with your learning check out the ILA Website: [www.ilascotland.org.uk](http://www.ilascotland.org.uk)**

**OTHER NEWS**

It has been another busy year in AALP with over 300 people accessing courses through the centre & we have continued to work successfully with our partners & attracted funding to help with our development. Thanks for all your support & we look forward to seeing you in September. Enjoy the summer!



**COORDINATOR CHANGE - TAG**

Nigel Stafford, who worked at AALP as TAG Co-ordinator for over 4 years, will be leaving at the end of May. Nigel was a member of the committee for three years and acted as Director for the last twelve months. Nigel will be taking up a post as Senior Services Manager – Emergency Response and Resilience with the Red Cross. He will be based in Inverness, covering Grampian, the Highlands and the Islands. He will be greatly missed by all of us at AALP. We take this opportunity to thank him for all his support over the years and wish him all the best in his new job.