

# AALP

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# Newsletter



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## 'IT' GIRLS

AALP was awarded funding from the Women's Fund of the Scottish Community Foundation to run two 10 week IT courses for women. The project aimed

to help the personal development of learners, improve their job opportunities and give them more confidence to continue with their learning. 16 women enrolled for the courses. They

have been a great success.



## STEPS FOR SUCCESS



Basil+ secured funding for a new ESOL project called 'Steps for Success' in November 2008. One of the main aims of the project was to work with ABE and North Highland College to avoid duplication and expand ESOL provision. The project will run

for twelve months. AALP is offering two sessions at the MacDonald Aviemore Highland Resort. Learners were assessed and split into three groups: Beginners, Access and Intermediate 1. The Beginners Group was taken by ABE (Adult Basic Education) and the other

two by AALP's tutor. The classes are not only open to employees of the MAHR but to employees of other businesses in the area. NHC continues to offer progression with SQA ESOL Modules in AALP.



## INVERNESS COLLEGE CLASSES

Inverness College run a variety of classes here at AALP. You can learn how to:

- Do internet shopping and e-mail
- Design and print cards/posters/invitations
- Keep your accounts up to date
- Write letters and print envelopes/labels
- Design and publish your own webpage
- Upload and edit your photos.

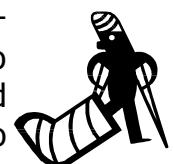


You can also get an SQA qualification in word processing, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint, Access databases or Publisher. These courses can also be taken as a more intensive half day course, beginners and intermediate. This

would provide the candidate with a college certificate.

**\*NEW CLASS FOR AUTUMN\***  
**CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN**

**A very big 'Thank You'....** to everybody for their patience and understanding when Joyce (our IT tutor) broke her foot recently. We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the cancellation of all the classes and to reassure everyone that Joyce will be resuming classes in the autumn and is no longer allowed out unaccompanied!!!!



AALP COURSES	Inverness College
Digital Photography	European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)
Adobe Photoshop Elements	Advanced ECDL
French (Various Levels)	Introduction to Webpage Design
Spanish (Various Levels)	Desktop Publishing
Italian (Various Levels)	Computer Art Using Word
Gaelic	Word Processing I, II and III
Genealogy	Internet Basics
Computers for the Terrified	E-mail - Sending and Receiving
Introduction to Word, Excel, Database, PowerPoint, Mail-merge, Using a Scanner	IT Intermediate 1 IT Intermediate 2 IT Higher



The lease for our current premises will expire at the end of August and we will be moving to new premises. We will inform you of our new address as soon as it becomes available. If you need to contact us please use our email address: **aalplearning-centre@yahoo.co.uk**

**Boat of Garten Community Hall**  
In the autumn we will continue to offer IT courses in the community hall. Anyone interested should email us with their details.

**ILA SCOTLAND**  
There have been some changes to ILA. **The threshold for ILA qualification is going up from £18,000 to £22,000 in the summer!** The £200 scheme will continue as usual and £500 will have a change in criteria also. For more information about ILAs visit **www.ilascotland.org.uk**.



**Gaelic Classes**  
We have just completed two Gaelic ULPAN classes with 24 students in Aviemore. They have been an amazing success and we will be running more classes in the autumn. We would like to thank Fiona Patrick from Sinne for all her work in setting up these classes and look forward to the next set!

LEARNING BYTES CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT: **www.learningbytescatalogue.com**

*LearnDirect Scotland have produced a catalogue of online bite sized courses that can be completed from the comfort of your own home. These courses include British Sign Language and Web Page Design. Each course costs £30 but you can build a cluster of five for £60.*

- Never used computers before? Why not try our **Computers for the Terrified?**
- Do you go away a lot? Like to know more than how to order beer? Maybe we can help with our **French, Spanish and Italian** classes!
- Do you take terrible photos on holiday? Why not try our **Digital Photography** or **Adobe Photoshop** classes?
- Do you think you may be related to someone famous or even very rich? Try our **Genealogy** class and find out!

**Don't forget you may be able to use your ILA to pay for your course!**