



TOWARDS A LIFELONG LEARNING STRATEGY FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

NI IMPACT FORUM FOR ADULT LEARNING

2019 CONFERENCE



WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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LIFELONG LEARNING AND THE DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

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 Scotland's Learning Partnership



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Work of NI Forum

- 3 Forum meetings per year
- Annual conference
- Response to draft Programme for Government
- Contributed to Healthy, Wealthy and Wise report
- Contributed to UK conferences
- Lobbying of politicians and policy-makers

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise – NI Recommendations

- NI – a Learning Society
- Lifelong Learning strategy
- Survey of provision
- Mainstream funding of successful provision to ensure continuity
- Collaboration between policy-makers and professionals
- Forum for Adult Learning

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise – Principles of a Lifelong Learning Approach

- Cross-governmental
- Collaborative
- Joins different types of learning in one system
- Long-term
- Enables progression
- All age & applies across the life course
- Ensures costs are shared equitably
- Inclusive
- Future focussed
- Think globally – act locally

NI Assembly Research

- Adult Learning and the NI Draft Programme for Government
- Adult Learning Policy Making in Scotland and Wales
- Adult Learning Policy in NI – a Preliminary Consideration

NI Adult Learning Policy – Conclusions

- Recognition of learning throughout individual's life course
- Policy should be future-oriented
- Account for different ways adult learning occurs
- Strategies should not be based solely on measurability of outputs
- Integration from providers
- Integrated, sector wide and inter-sectoral approach supports progress in implementing Programme for Government