

**NATIONAL LEARNING & WORK INSTITUTE
(ENGLAND AND WALES)**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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LEARNING & WORK INSTITUTE SUPPORTER NETWORK

1. Learning and Work Institute is built on partnerships. Many of our projects are delivered in partnership with other organisations; we run a range of stakeholder groups to give people working on different subjects the chance to talk and share; and we build coalitions around particular areas of work and interest.
2. For example, our cross-sector campaign to secure a successor to European Social Fund when the UK leaves the EU attracted more than 200 organisations and individuals during the 2017 General Election campaign. We were pleased the Government has committed to a new Shared Prosperity Fund to meet this ask and are working to help shape it. Similarly, Festival of Learning brings together a wide range of organisations to provide more than 800 Have a Go events across England and hundreds of nominations for amazing adult learners.
3. We are always looking for new ways to build partnerships and engagement. To this end, we have recently launched a new Supporter Network. This is free to join and aims to give people and organisations the chance to:
 - **Stay informed.** Regular updates on our work and sector developments;
 - **Be involved.** Contribute to our work and take part in campaigns; and
 - **Keep engaged.** Get access to events, webinars and resources for practitioners, policymakers and commissioners.
4. We soft-launched the new Supporter Network in September, writing to all of our members, working through partner networks, and including in our monthly newsletter. Since then, more than 120 people and organisations have signed up including:
 - Adult learning services and Local Authorities;
 - Colleges and independent training providers;
 - Networks such as LEAFEA, AoC, AELP and ERSA; and
 - Individuals, from senior management to tutors and practitioners.
5. We want to further build and expand this Supporter Network. We encourage all of you to sign up and encourage those in your networks to do so as well.
6. We are also preparing to rollout the Supporter Network offer. This will include areas of work where we would welcome further collaboration and engagement, and the opportunity to be involved in sector-wide campaigns. Further ideas on this offer are, of course, welcome.
7. You can find out further details and sign up to the Supporter Network here:
<https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/supporters/>