

Adult Skills & Family Learning Service

Pound Plus 2022/23

'Pound Plus' is a term that describes how the Adult Skills & Family Learning Service is able to show how it is maximising the value of public investment. Pound Plus refers to additional income generated by the Adult Skills & Family Learning Service over and above core income from the Government's Adult Education budget and the County Council's contribution, as well as cost savings. This includes income generated through course fees, access to learning spaces made available at no or reduced cost, the use of volunteer workers, access to expert staff at no or reduced cost and donations of equipment or consumable items.

'Pound Plus' allows the Adult Skills & Family Learning Service to show that the initial investment of public funding in community learning has a crucial and positive leverage value that can be expressed as a multiplying factor for the initial public funding investment. In other words, it enables them to evidence that for every one pound of public funding investment further funds have been generated to extend reach, provision and impact – sums that may not, or would not, be possible without the initial investment.

In Lincolnshire, as a result of the strong partnerships in place in Family Learning, and robust sub-contracting arrangements in place across Adult Skills programmes, significant Pound Plus of around £825,307 has been achieved, as outlined in the table below. This has supported robust targeted learner recruitment, whilst enabling the service to tap into a range of specialist services and provide a good range of suitable resources and support (including removing barriers to participation such as funding child care and transport) to achieve strong outcomes for our learners. It has also enabled the service to deliver free provision to groups of LLDD and unemployed learners, support end of course IAG, as well as establish self-supported groups and fund under age learners who would otherwise have not been able to attend.

| 'Pound Plus' Element | Hourly Rate (£) | No. of hours | Total (£) |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Volunteer hours | 10.00* | 2,450 | 24,500 |
| Centre overheads, including Stationery, printing, advertising | | | 68,500 |
| Additional courses for learners | | | 11,500 |
| Resources for learners | | | 13,480 |
| Staff time working with partners to facilitate IAG | | | 29,520 |
| Venue use | 35.00* | 17,251 | 603,785 |
| Progression to self-supported groups | 18.00* | 127 | 2,286 |
| Other: | | | 56,287 |
| Fee Income | | | 15,449 |
| Total | | | £825,307 |

Note : The hourly rate is estimated and therefore a calculated total will not equal the amount shown in the Total (£) column