



Mental Health and Adult Learning

Would you like to be part of the Mental Health and Adult Learning Skills Partnership Programme?

The Programme promotes access to, and success in, learning and skills for people who experience mental health difficulties.

If you are interested in improving adult learning and skills opportunities for people who have experience of mental health difficulties you are welcome to join our **Network** of practitioners, learners and policy makers. You'll be joining nearly 2,000 people working in adult education and training, mental health and social care, employment services, voluntary and community groups, learners, service users and carers.

Why join?

Our **National and Regional Networks** support learning and collaboration. They enable you to share information, hear about good practice and gain knowledge that will support you in your work. The Networks also offer opportunities to get involved in research, help develop resources and influence national policy. Each region holds three CPD (Continuous Professional Development) learning events a year.

The **Network** also provides an email newsletter, to keep you up to date with NIACE news, information about regional and national projects, details about conferences and free resources.

The Partnership Programme Virtual Learning Network (VLN, also called a Moodle) offers the opportunity for online networking. It also has documents and information about activities, on line courses, information and presentations from past events. All available through our website.

Membership is free and open to those with an interest in this subject.

"The network meetings are important and they provide a focus for feedback and suggestions. There is representation from employment, health and the education sectors and that means you get different viewpoints and better dissemination of information. I think this in turn encourages people to become more active as network members." (Stakeholder)

The majority of Partnership Programme Network members surveyed felt that the Programme is effective in both raising awareness at the strategic level and building capacity of the FE sector.

- *92% found the network meetings useful*
- *79% thought that it helped to raise awareness of, and addressed issues at the strategic level*

If you would like to become a member please complete a joining form, and when completed email to: susan.rees@niace.org.uk