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Project Link

Dear Skill bank colleagues

December 2009

We do hope you will be able to join us at the **Festive Learning Celebration** day on Wednesday 16th December at Staunton on Arrow Village Hall. **Come and enjoy a mince pie & tippie plus the chance to catch up with new Project Link activities and your colleagues.**

Those of you who signed up to join the Project Link skill bank over the year are already working on a fun and interesting range of 'grass roots' community projects.

Some recent matches to projects have included:

8 people have been delivering Hale & Hearty sessions (a health and wellbeing programme for older people see the H&H webpage) as course tutors this term and are booked for next term

1 person has had weekly project assistant time

5 people are involved in developing new courses for 2010

1 person has been taken on to do regular admin time

1 person is doing further policy research to inform the Acqua quality assurance process

3 people have designed and delivered training

1 person has continuing bookkeeping hours and will take over the payroll in the new tax year

1 person has got through the first funding stage for their own project

At Project Link we are continuing to add to the broad mix of skilled people on the skill bank and find ways that they can have a positive impact on communities and/or the environment.

Since May we have:

- ✓ Exhibited at **RAF Cosford Adult Learners Day** – over 200 people visited our stand and enjoyed the samples of prune juice and talking to the learning ambassadors
- ✓ Staged a 10 day exhibit at **Hay Festival**
- ✓ Delivered **Hale & Hearty** in Pembridge and Staunton on Arrow
- ✓ Trained up **14 Hale & Hearty tutors and standardised all the learning resources**
- ✓ Produced a **new updated brochure**
- ✓ Hosted an information stand at **Herefordshire EarthWatch 2009**
- ✓ Attracted funding to deliver **7 new adult & community courses**
- ✓ Promoted our **community learning packages** more widely

Over the next few months we will:

- ✓ Host a **Festive Learning Celebration** at Staunton on Arrow on the 16th December
- ✓ Deliver another two **Hale & Hearty** courses in Bosbury and Kington in March 2010
- ✓ Pilot **3 completely new courses**
- ✓ Complete the design and fund **1 new course for carers**
- ✓ Further negotiations with the NHS re **wider rollout of Hale & Hearty**
- ✓ Complete **Acqua** accreditation
- ✓ Go live with the **new Project Link website and membership scheme**

We hope this helps in updating you...do keep in touch we do like to hear your news

All the best from us and a very Merry Christmas to you all

Joanna, Chris & Christianne