

THE LEARNING
REVOLUTION

Community
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Community Learning Champions (CLCs) are people who become active in their community by promoting the value of learning to others – friends, relatives, neighbours, workmates or people they meet at the school gates, at the local shops, or in groups or clubs.

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The learners I support are amazed when I tell them that it's only a year ago I was in their shoes, and if I can do it, so can they.

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They are important because they:

- speak from personal experience about the difference that learning can make to quality of life or job prospects; and
- connect with people who often live in the same community or work in the same place, and act as role models for learning.



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What do they do?

CLCs are sometimes called learning ambassadors, mentors or advocates. They take on a variety of roles, such as:

- signposting people to the learning opportunities that suit their needs, including informal learning opportunities as well as courses;
- introducing people to learning and sometimes accompanying them to a library, learning activity or college;
- supporting and mentoring people through their learning;
- helping to set up new learning opportunities; and
- offering suggestions for improvements from the community to learning providers.

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The estate has changed dramatically - confidence wise, self-esteemwise. There is a lot more community spirit now and there is a lot more people that are actually in jobs or training to get themselves into jobs.

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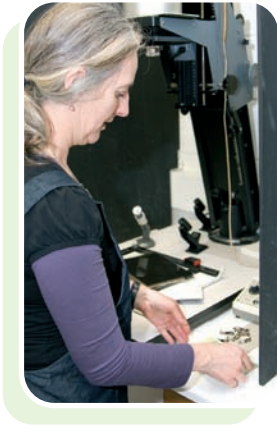


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How are they organised?

CLCs are usually volunteers working with others in a local project. The project might be run by a community organisation, a local authority, a college or another body. In some cases, CLCs are paid expenses; in some they are paid a salary, although usually on a part-time basis. Some people in paid employment also take on a role as learning champions.

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