Learning for life

Who are the funniest and most interesting people in your life? When you really think about it, those people are the ones who are always trying new activities or reading new books, and who want to tell you about what they have discovered.

In recognition that learning is a lifelong process, the Department of Education and Training is proud to support Adult Learners Week in the Northern Territory.

Adult learning is about expanding your horizons. It might be work-related, and then again, it might not. It might be formal, structured learning, then again, it may be the learning that happens by chance.

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By celebrating ALW together, we can raise the profile of adult learning and highlight its value to the Northern Territory community.

Four grants have been awarded to Territory organisations to run existing or new activities during Adult Learners Week.

**Healthy Minds and Future Pathways (Darwin)**

*Organisation: Australian Red Cross and Human Services Training Advisory Council*  
*Dates: Tuesday, 6 September 2011*  
*Time: 10am – 4pm*  
*Dates: Thursday, 8 September 2011*  
*Time: 10am – 4pm*  
*Contact: Sally Morris 8924 3954 or smorris@redcross.org.au*

**Group Training NT Interactive Adult Learning Mini Expo (Darwin)**

*Organisation: GTNT*  
*Date: Wednesday, 7 September 2011*  
*Time: 4pm – 5.30pm*  
*Contact: Daman Foy 8941 2112 or daman.foy@gtnt.com.au*

**Learn for Life in Maningrida (Maningrida)**

*Organisation: Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation and Maningrida Community Education Centre*  
*Dates: 1 – 8 September 2011 (different activities on every day)*  
*Contact: Glenris Brooking 0457 604 332 or glenris.brooking@bawinanga.com*

**Adult Learning Open Day (Wadeye)**

*Organisation: Wadeye Safe House and Wadyeye Creche*  
*Date: Thursday, 8 September 2011*  
*Contact: Giulia Elliott-Hall 08978 1020 or giulia.elliotthall@cssu.org.au*

Whatever type of learner you are, there is a course or class available to meet your needs. Adult Learners can be described in five groups:

**Lifelong Learners**

Adults who have had good experiences of learning and want to continually expand their skills, knowledge and interests.

**Reluctant Learners**

Adults who have had bad experiences of school and learning who need encouragement to give learning another go if it is in a formal environment.

**Breaking Barriers Learners**

Adults who want to learn more but face barriers to taking part in adult learning such as lack of family support, isolation and or poverty.

**Community Builders**

Adults who want to learn with others in order to participate in their community and expand the quality of their relationships.

**Foundation Learners**

Adults who missed out on the schooling they need and want to be able to read, write, speak and listen more effectively and to improve their basic maths skills.

This includes adults whose first language is not English who want to improve their English reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Learning is a lifelong activity and continues well beyond the completion of school.

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You are never too old to sit in a classroom with Alice Springs-based Eagle Training Services.

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