



# First Steps to Learning

Read On - Write Away! was successful in its bid for ESF co-financing money for a two year strategy targeting the following areas of Derbyshire: Bolsover, Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Erewash, High Peak and Derby City.

The aim of the First Steps project was to develop and deliver integrated literacy and numeracy into accredited, flexible 'first steps' learning that would build the confidence and skills of individuals within disadvantaged communities to encourage them to progress to further learning.

The objectives of the project were as follows:

A range of accredited 'first steps' learning opportunities would be offered, focused around individual's needs to learn something that would benefit them, whilst at the same time addressing their literacy and numeracy needs.

Learners would be able to address their basic skills needs through vocational topics and raise their confidence levels to progress on to further accredited provision. 'First Steps' learning on introduction topics to: Hair, Beauty, Nail Art, Intergenerational Cookery, Health, Music, Parenting, Number Fun, Making Storysacks, Creative Art and Design, Self-Esteem and Confidence Building, Driving Test Theory etc.

Would be delivered in innovative ways within community environments and in partnership with Derbyshire Adult and Community Education Service, Derby College and Derby City Adult Learning Service, as well as the private and voluntary sector.

Would be delivered in non-traditional settings using innovative programmes, eg 'Sound of the Crowd' used with young men interested in football to develop their confidence, literacy, ICT and CD-rom production skills.

Would provide added value to accredited first steps learning by developing curriculum where gaps had been identified or as a response to specific groups of individuals et 'Children's Food and Health' for SureStart parents in Erewash.

Would provide added value to first steps learning by giving each learner a 'learning tool-kit' to use at home or work.

## Further Details ...

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