

**Catching the Learning Bug:
inspirational stories and personal journeys**

25 September, Edinburgh Training Centre.

Aims:

- *To share stories* of learning and development
- *To provide information* on recognition of prior formal and informal learning through the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).
- *To inspire colleagues* to explore innovative ways of supporting continuing employee development.

Draft programme:

- 9.30am Registration commences
- 10am Welcome
Wendy Paterson, Co-ordinator, Learning Network (South East)
- Introduction
*Pat Sinclair, Viewpoint Housing Association,
& Alison Harold, SCQF Project Officer, Scottish Social Services Council.*
- 10.20am My personal journey
Lynn McNair, Head of Centre, Cowgate Under 5's Centre
- 10.50am Recognition of prior informal learning (RPL) and the Scottish Credit
 and Qualifications Framework (SCQF)
Alison Harold, SCQF Project Officer, Scottish Social Services Council.
- 11.30am Refreshments
- 11.45am Catching the learning bug – workshops (options listed below)

- 12.45pm Lunch
- 2pm Catching the learning bug – workshops (repeated)
- 3.00pm Refreshments
- 3.15pm Journeys of learning: roads less travelled...
How can we support innovative ways of learning at work?
*Panel discussion involving workshop contributors
and questions from the floor.*
- 4pm Thanks and close.
Pat Sinclair, Viewpoint Housing Association,

[PRTL hours: 6 hours.]

Workshop choices:

1 - Return to Learn.

David Howie, Return to Learn Co-ordinator with the Workers' Educational Association, discusses the use of RPL in the 'Return to Learn' course.

2 - RPL in housing support.

Wendy Johnston, Project Officer with the SSSC, and Angharad Duguid, Training Officer with Hanover Housing Association, explore the use of RPL in the housing support sector.

3 - Supporting learning through workplace induction.

Janet Miller, Director of the Voluntary Sector Social Services Workforce Unit, explores the importance of the induction process.

4 - RPL and credit transfer.

Sue Dumbleton, Staff Tutor, Open University, discusses the benefits of RPL for social work and other students.

5 - Credit transfer and vocational qualifications

Marian Price, South Lanarkshire Council. looks at credit transfer and vocation qualifications.

6 - The early years standard and RPL

Frances Scott, Learning and Development Adviser with the SSSC, will discuss the proposed new early years standard and awards and how RPL will support the learner.

7 - RPL: a test case

Wendy Paterson, Co-ordinator, Scottish Social Services Learning Network, in a dialogue exploring RPL with a potential user.