



NALA News Sheet

National Adult Literacy Agency

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Ballot Paper Success

Pictures and party logos will now be used on ballot papers. The Government has recently given approval to the drafting of legislation to make this become a reality. On a trial basis pictures were introduced in the European elections last summer.

Adults with literacy difficulties have long campaigned for pictures to be used as a visual aid, similar to the way images are used on bank notes. One of our executive members Ernie Sweeney has campaigned for the past 15 years for the inclusion of pictures, so well done Ernie.

Ernie with his wife Susanne casting his vote in last year's European elections.



Our first regional office

We opened our first regional office April 11th. The establishment of a NALA regional office along with Development Worker Mary Toher has been an inspiration since our foundation 20 years ago. This was a great moment and we hope to see other regions catered for in the future.



NALA/NUI Maynooth Certificate - Integrating Literacy

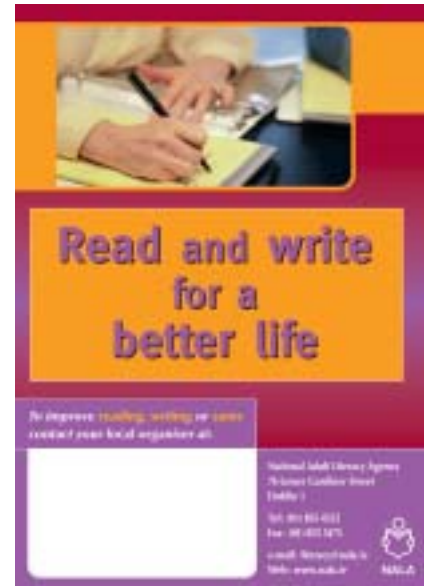
Welcome to the group of tutors / instructors from the National Youthreach Programmes who have just commenced the "Integrating Literacy" course.

This course, is of 100 hr duration, delivered in two-day blocks over six months. It aims to equip tutors and trainers working with adults to integrate the development of literacy skills with their own topic areas. We will continue to work closely with agencies and organisations to support an integrative approach to the teaching of basic literacy and numeracy.

For further information on above courses, please contact Helena Farrell, Development Worker in NALA.

This year Literacy Awareness Week is 11-17th of September.

We will be sending you out some campaigning posters before this date which should help you in your lobbying efforts. We recently produced 2 new recruitment and awareness posters.



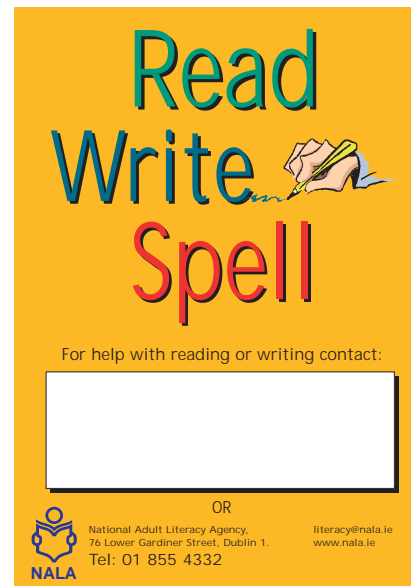
Available in A3 & A4

EURO Changeover Board

Why not avail of this free euro workbook. The ECB gave us large quantities to distribute. We also have copies of the information leaflet we produced with the ECB



Euro Workbooks



Available only in A3



Student Development Subsidy 2000 Increasing Student Involvement through Personal Development Training

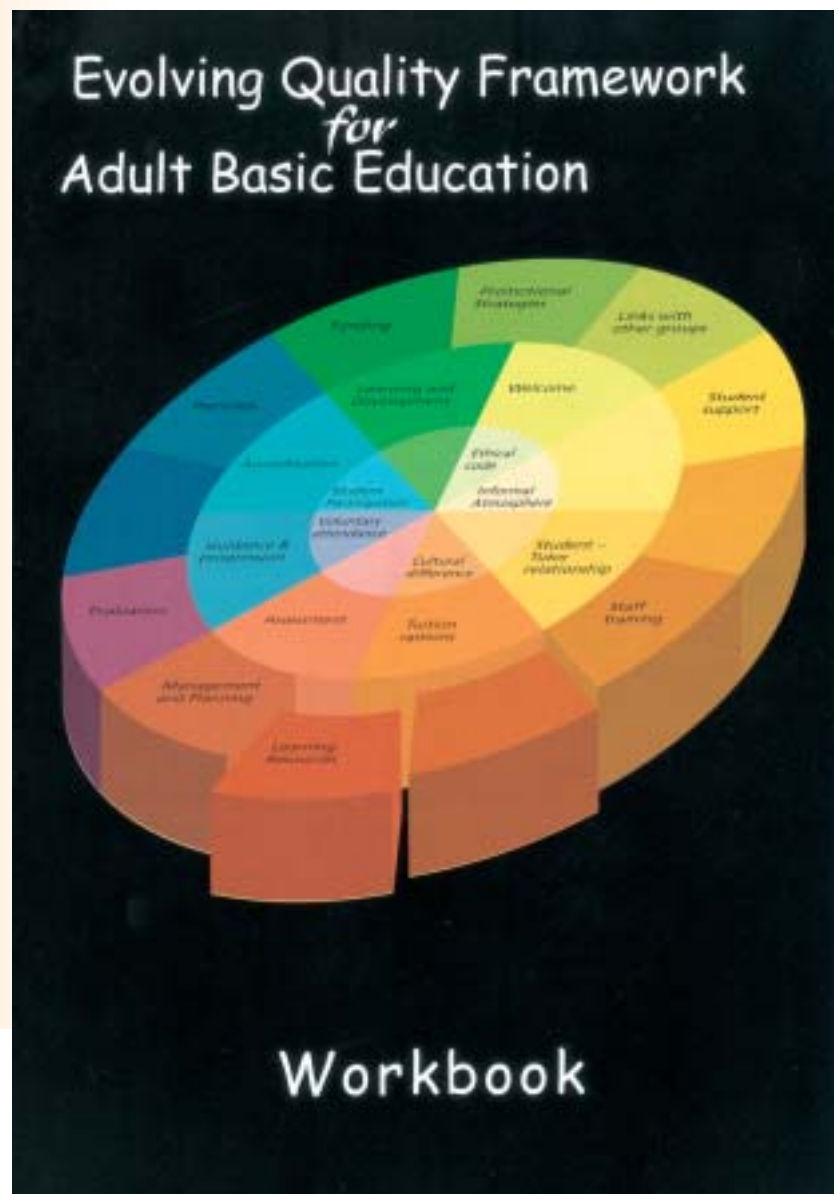
NALA has again received funding from the Department of Education to continue its Literacy Training and Development Programme in 2000. The subsidy has been created to assist schemes that wish to increase the level of student involvement in their schemes by developing the skills of students who have previously not been involved in scheme activities. By participating in a personal development event, it is hoped that students would feel empowered to participate in your scheme's social events, student committee, scheme evaluation team or in another way. In order to qualify for a subsidy, events should meet the following criteria:

- All events should take place before March 31st 2001
- Training be provided to students who have not been involved in scheme activities (as described above) to-date
- Each event should provide a forum where students are enabled to identify, explore and record their views and insights about how they could become more involved in their scheme
- Schemes may choose to organise the event on their own or in co-operation with other schemes.

Decisions about the allocation of subsidies will be made by our Executive Committee. People can look for sums up to £ 500.00 and the closing date is June 28th . If you are interested in applying or need more information contact me
Grace Doyle

Quality Framework - Transnational
Conference
Aisling Hotel, Dublin
June 30th - 10.30am - 5.00pm

Friday June 30th is the date for the NALA Transnational Conference bringing together all participants in the NALA / SOCRATES Quality Framework 2000 project. At this event, Students, Tutors, Adult Literacy Organisers and senior management representatives from the VEC will come together to share their experiences of being involved in the pilot project.





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Volunteer Days

We are hosting a series of regional volunteer forums in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Athlone, Carlow and Ballyshannon. These events will address the key question of how we can support the volunteer tutor. Results from these meetings will feed into our first national tutors forum, which will take place in the Autumn .

A total of 6 regional forums for literacy tutors will take place in the following 6 regions

Dublin	June 17th	10.00-3.00
Gresham Hotel		
Cork	June 24th	11.00-4.00
Imperial Hotel		
Galway	June 15th	6.00-8.30
Ardilaun Hotel		
Carlow	June 21st	6.00-8.30
Seven Oaks Hotel		
Athlone	June 27th	6.00-8.30
Prince of Wales Hotel		
Ballyshannon	June 28th	6.00-8.30
Dorrians Imperial Hotel		

John Stewart - National Adult Literacy Co-ordinator

On each day there will be workshops which will be highly participative, so your presence and contributions would be very much appreciated.

While the regional forums will focus on volunteer tutors, many of the issues of support affect full/part time tutors as well, and we would be very grateful for the experience of their input.

Please contact me and let me know if you are interested in attending as soon as possible so that I can keep a place for you.

NALA 2000 Literacy Awareness Training

This 1-day Training Programme may be of interest to organisations in your area, for example: credit unions, St. Vincent DePaul, local employment exchanges, libraries and frontline staff in local agencies and government offices.

Aim

This day provides an opportunity for participants:

- to gain awareness of the literacy issue
- to meet adults who have had literacy difficulties
- to reflect upon the effects of literacy difficulties
- to explore how best to respond.

Cost of 1-day Course:

£800 (maximum 20 participants, lunch and venue to be provided by participant)

