

# BIS

Department for Business  
Innovation & Skills

## [ Our aim ]

Lifelong learning plays an integral part in contributing to the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities. It leads to greater self-esteem, better health and a more cohesive civil society.

Here are some of the highlights over the last year to show how we've helped thousands of individuals, organisations and self-organised groups develop their passion for lifelong learning.



“Thousands of people, many of whom may have been turned off education by the experience of going to school, find lots of reasons to enjoy the experience of learning when they get older.”

Councillor David Rogers,  
Chair of the Community  
Wellbeing Board, Local  
Government Association

“This is a great chance for people of all ages to have a go at something new, and perhaps even surprise themselves by unearthing hidden talents. Whatever your interests, the Learning Revolution is a great opportunity to learn new skills and have good fun meeting other people in the process.”

Councillor Jim Foreman,  
South Tyneside Council



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## Highlights



Mounting the Festival of Learning  
in October when over

**200,000**  
people took  
part in  
**2,500** events

**700** Community  
Learning  
Champions

registering on the website, part of  
a national programme designed  
to see a flourishing network of  
Community Learning Champions.

## School of Everything

Enhancing the School of  
Everything website to bring  
everything together for the first  
time – learners, teachers, groups,  
courses, venues and resources.  
[www.schoolofeverything.com](http://www.schoolofeverything.com)

**4,500**  
organisations making  
the learning pledge

from small community groups  
to household names like Asda  
and Barclays.

Creating an **evidence base** and  
**policy map** for policy-makers  
and practitioners to make the  
case for informal adult learning.

Leaving a legacy of informal learning  
in communities by funding more than

**300** new  
projects

from the £20 million  
Transformation Fund.

Making informal adult learning  
a good news story by securing

**880** press  
stories

equivalent to 46 million views and  
£1,100,000 advertising equivalent.

Publishing a wealth of **resources**  
designed to get more people  
learning, more groups running  
learning activities and more  
organisations opening up  
venues for learning.

## What's next

We've been overwhelmed  
by people's thirst for  
learning and their real life  
stories of how learning can  
transform lives. Working  
with our partners, we want  
to continue to promote  
learning as a positive  
force to enrich the lives of  
individuals and bind us  
together as families, friends  
and as communities.

