

Happy Birthday to ILA Scotland

ILA Scotland celebrates its 2nd birthday this month. The scheme was launched in December 2004, giving adults in Scotland who earned £15,000 or less £200 a year towards learning something new.

In August 2005, the £100 offer was introduced to give everyone in Scotland aged 18 and over access to a range of IT courses, regardless of how much they earned. And a year after that, the £100 scheme was expanded to include a much wider range of courses, as well as the original IT qualifications.

In the last 24 months:

- **more than 207,000 people from all over Scotland have called our helpline**
- **more than 50,000 people have opened individual learning accounts**
- **more than 30,000 of them have booked onto courses to learn something new.**
- **more than 13,000 courses have been ILA Scotland approved with 262 different providers, at more than 600 venues across the country.**

The most popular course of 2006 was the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence), but learners have used their accounts for courses as diverse as LGV driving, Urdu and trampoline coaching.

Every month, more learners, more courses, more providers and more venues get involved with ILA Scotland.

And every month, ILA Scotland grows, helping people in Scotland to learn at a pace, place and way that suits them.

Happy second birthday ILA Scotland, and many happy returns!