



## Welcome to ILA Scotland

Improving skills and enhancing the employability of the Scottish workforce is a core objective of the Scottish Government's Lifelong Learning Strategy. It is committed to making learning accessible and removing the barriers to learning.

ILA Scotland is central to this Lifelong Learning strategy as a means of reaching non-traditional learners who face the most barriers and who are furthest removed from the learning environment.

A grant of up to £200 per learner year is available from ILA Scotland to encourage learners to invest in learning. It is available to anyone aged 16 or over who is ordinarily resident in Scotland with an income of £22,000 or less per year or who are on benefits.

A grant of up to £500 per academic year is available from ILA Scotland for learners who are studying towards a part-time higher education or professional qualification. It is available to anyone aged 16 or over who is ordinarily resident in Scotland with an income of £22,000 or less per year or who are on benefits. Learners must be studying 40 Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) credits or more per year.

Higher education courses, Professional Development Awards (PDA) and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses are available at SCQF levels 7 – 10.

And for academic year 2009/10 learners can get up to £500 towards eligible part-time taught postgraduate courses, PDA and CPD courses at SCQF level 11.

ILA Scotland was introduced using a phased approach and was targeted at individuals on low incomes. By taking this phased approach to the launch, ILA Scotland has been able to effectively target those who will benefit most from being re-introduced to the learning environment.

ILA Scotland recognises that these learners will be reached most effectively through local organisations which they have already established relationships with. Therefore the role of partner organisations in delivering this information and supporting clients through the ILA Scotland process will be vital to its success.

These fact sheets have been produced for you, as partner organisations to provide the guidance that you require to ensure that your learners get maximum benefit from ILA Scotland.