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Community Food and Health (Scotland) – Learning Account 2010

Community Food and Health (Scotland) or CFHS supports community food and health initiatives that are working to address health inequalities through food. Community food initiatives across Scotland are making a difference and CFHS recognises they need to build their capacity to self-evaluate.

Community Food and Health (Scotland) has therefore set up a *2010 Learning Account* with Evaluation Support Scotland.

Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) works with community and voluntary organisations so they can demonstrate their impact, report on the difference their work makes and what they can learn as a result. ESS provides practical support and access to resources and tools.



This Learning Account will therefore provide training opportunities for individuals to develop their self evaluation skills. This training will also enable you to share skills and knowledge with colleagues and increase the self-evaluation capacity of your organisation.

What is Community Food and Health (Scotland) offering?

In 2009, CFHS had a Learning Account with ESS which enabled 12 projects to access the full range of basic training offered by ESS. Due to the success of this account, CFHS is now opening a Learning Account with ESS for 2010.

- CFHS will pay the fees for up to 12 places on the ESS Core Course Programme (subject to conditions). The Core Course Programme includes:
 - **What are my outcomes? (to be delivered on 16 November – see below)**
 - **Collecting information to report on outcomes**
 - **Using visual approaches to evaluate your project**
 - **Telling my story – analysing and reporting outcomes**
- The ESS Core Course Programme is provided over 3.5 days in different areas. Relevant dates can be found at www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/events.asp
- CFHS will arrange an additional two events, before and after you attend the Core Course Programme, to help you learn from other community food initiatives who are working to evaluate their activities. The first event will be held on the afternoon of 16 November, following the 'What are my outcomes?' session which will be delivered in the morning of 16 November
- CFHS will consider contributing towards travel costs if they are required. Please indicate any requirements on your application form.

What are the conditions?

- Successful applicants must be able to demonstrate how this training opportunity will help them evaluate community food and health activities.
- Successful applicants must attend the 'What are my outcomes?' workshop before attending the other workshops in the Core Course Programme, between December 2010 and March 2011. You must also be able to attend the two additional events.
- Places on the core course programme are for named applicants only (places are not transferable between staff or volunteers within your organisation).
- CFHS require that successful applicants report to us on how they have used the learning from training in May 2011 (we will provide further guidance for this).
- CFHS will seek to recover full costs for non-attendance or cancelled places less than fourteen days before the training, from the applicant's group or organisation.

What do you need to do now?

If you are interested in applying for a place on the CFHS Learning Account 2010:

- Download the application form from www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk or request an application form by phoning 0141 226 5261.
- Check that you are available to attend the courses on the dates detailed on the ESS website.
- Discuss your interest in applying for a place on the Core Course Programme with your manager or management committee/steering group. (Applications **must** be endorsed by your manager or a management committee/steering group member).
- Check that you fulfil the conditions for this opportunity. If you are unsure or would like to discuss any other aspects about this opportunity, please contact Katrina at CFHS.
- If you require CFHS to consider contributing towards travel, make sure you detail this on your application form.
- Complete the application form and return to us by **5pm Tuesday 26 October** (please note, faxed or e-mailed copies will not be accepted).

What happens next?

- CFHS will contact all applicants and let you know if you are successful by 29 October.
- CFHS will let ESS know the names of those who have been successful.
- Successful applicants will receive instructions from CFHS on how to book places using ESS online booking arrangements.
- CFHS will provide more details about the reporting arrangements.