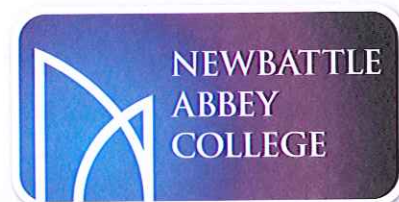


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Colaiste Abaid a' Bhatail Nuaidh

6 January 2014

Dear Colleague

**National Adult Learning Conference: 2 April 2014 at Newbattle Abbey College**

As you know, Newbattle Abbey College hosted a national adult learning conference in March 2013, at which the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning gave the keynote address. The conference involved 80 delegates from a wide range of sectors and agencies engaged in delivering and promoting adult learning. A conference action plan, detailing priorities for the development of adult learning in Scotland, was issued to all conference delegates.

Two of the key action plan priorities were: establishing a cross-sectoral National Adult Learning Forum; arranging follow-up events, at national and local level, to promote and develop adult learning in Scotland. Progress has been made in both of these areas:

- A National Forum for Adult Learning was established in October 2013. This cross-sectoral forum is chaired by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning.
- Newbattle will hold a second national adult learning conference on 2 April 2014. This conference will chart progress with the conference action plan produced in 2013, consult delegates on the remit of the Adult Learning Forum and discuss the Statement of Ambition for Adult Learning in Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning will again give the keynote address at this national event.

Full details of the conference programme and registration arrangements will be circulated early in 2014. I am sure you will welcome these positive developments in adult learning in Scotland. I look forward to welcoming you to the national conference in April 2014.

Yours sincerely

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**Ann Southwood  
Principal**