



Learning Together

Cheshire and Warrington

A Learning Consortium - working smarter together

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Information sheet.

What is *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* ?

Learning Together Cheshire and Warrington is a company limited by guarantee (with charitable aims). It is the development of an established Learning Network which has been in operation since 2000 (formerly called the Cheshire and Warrington Voluntary Sector Learning Forum).

Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington welcomes not-for-profit voluntary and community organisations to join its Learning Network - those who are concerned with, or actively involved in learning and training within the sub-region. The network is open to all organisations in the sector for the benefit of their staff, volunteers, trustees, service users, or the community.

Learning Together Cheshire and Warrington is the independent infrastructure organisation for learning in the Voluntary and Community Sector in the sub region of Cheshire and Warrington.

Who can join?

Voluntary and Community Members

Not-for-profit voluntary and community organisations are welcome to become members of the *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* Network and can nominate an individual representative who will receive information on behalf of the organisation, although other individuals from the organisation may participate at other Forum activities at different times. Organisations will receive a wide range of learning related information and support.

Associate members

Any individual/organisation outside the voluntary and community sector eg. statutory and private companies which are interested in supporting *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* and which share some common aims may be invited (by the Board of Directors) to hold associate membership for a period of time. They will receive selected information.

Membership Benefits

Learning Together Cheshire and Warrington aims to keep its membership as fully informed as possible about any developments locally, regionally or nationally related to learning and skills development.

All members of the Forum have access to a growing range of services and support.

Full members receive:

- Free membership
- All publications published by *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* including a monthly Newsletter and Training Calendar (free space for articles / training opportunities – subject to space)
- Website (as a resource) including a restricted members area
- Free Training Needs Analysis and report with funding information
- Invitation to all events held by *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* such as the quarterly Learning Network Meetings
- Access to support services provided by *Learning Together Cheshire & Warrington* and its members / partners e.g. Funding & Quality Standards information, learning and training opportunities etc
- Networking opportunities with like minded organisations with a learning focus
- Direct communication link with partners including the Learning and Skills Council and Local Education Authorities (Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington)
- Up to date information regarding development within the voluntary and community sector and partnership initiatives – locally, regionally and nationally
- Representation for the sector on local, regional and national partnership bodies and forums
- Funding partnership opportunities

And, by being a member of the Network you become a voice representing your organisation at various events in Cheshire and Warrington.

Associate members receive (currently membership is free) :

- Selected information including Newsletters and Training Calendar
- Potential Website link
- Invitation to selected events held by *Learning Together* including Network meetings/workshops/conferences etc
- Up to date information on developments and issues of importance to the Voluntary/Community Sector
- Opportunity to have voluntary sector representation at your meetings/events/boards

It is hoped that all members of the network will be actively engaged in the ethos of the organisation.