



ILA Scotland working with Partners

What is ILA Scotland?

ILA Scotland is a grant to increase participation in adult learning. It is an individual learning account and the amount of funding available depends on a person's circumstances.

Anyone resident in Scotland and aged 18 or over can apply for an account.

How much funding is available?

There are two levels of funding available, the amount someone can get depends on how much they earn.

ILA Scotland £200

This is for anyone who earns £18,000 or less, or who is on benefits. Up to £200 is available towards a wide range of approved courses.

ILA Scotland £100

This is for anyone who earns more than £18,000. Up to £100 is available to help pay for courses that lead to a recognised certificate or qualification (courses up to SCQF level 6 or equivalent). This ILA Scotland offer includes courses that will help learners develop the skills that many employers are looking for.

How does someone apply?

To request an application pack a call should be made to ILA Scotland free on 0808 100 1090. For security purposes, only the applicant can call and request this pack.

ILA Scotland will send the applicant an application pack with guidance notes and this should be returned to ILA Scotland in the post-paid envelope.

Application packs are also available in Polish, Cantonese, Urdu, Gaelic, Hindi, Punjabi, large print, Braille or audio (CD). Samples of all packs can be viewed on the partner zone of the ILA Scotland website at www.ilascotland.org.uk

Does the money have to be paid back?

No, ILA Scotland funding is not a loan so the money does not need to be paid back. Learners just need to contribute at least £10 for every course that they take using their ILA Scotland account.

How can someone benefit from ILA Scotland funding?

Learning new things can make a real difference to people's lives. It can help them gain new skills, build their confidence or help them get into employment.

Those who could benefit most from learning may not have enjoyed their time at school and may lack the confidence to get back into learning. These additional barriers mean that they will need extra support and encouragement. That's where an organisation can help.

What is the role of an ILA Scotland partner?

ILA Scotland works in partnership with a wide range of

organisations to help them to support their service users, volunteers and staff to access learning.

Whether a small voluntary organisation, housing association, credit union or employer ILA Scotland would like to work with organisations to help raise awareness of ILA Scotland amongst their client group and to encourage people back into learning.

There are lots of ways to develop the partnership, here are just some examples:

ILA Scotland marketing materials can be provided free of charge;

- An organisation can invite ILA Scotland to come out and brief staff on ILA Scotland so that they can support the individuals they work with;
- ILA Scotland can supply information for an organisation to include in their website or newsletter;
- An organisation can invite ILA Scotland to attend any events that are happening in their area.

What happens next?

If an organisation would like to know more about becoming an ILA Scotland partner, the Partnership team would be delighted to hear from them.

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Why should an organisation become an ILA Scotland provider?

ILA Scotland has been very successful in encouraging people back into learning.

Every month thousands of people call our helpline and visit the website to look for courses or information about learning. And every week, hundreds of courses are booked by learners across Scotland, so if an organisation is not an ILA Scotland provider then they could be missing out on the opportunity to have learners use their ILA Scotland funding on their courses.

How can an organisation find out more?

The ILA Scotland website has a wealth of information for learning providers including an exhaustive Questions and Answers section. If the information required cannot be found then it is possible to call the learning provider helpline on 0141 285 6104.