

# MELDRUM AREA

## COMMUNITY LEARNING PROGRAMME

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Community Learning & Development  
Meldrum Academy, Colpy Road  
Oldmeldrum AB51 0NT

# WELCOME

Welcome to the Meldrum Community Development Group's Annual Information Booklet for 2009/10. In it you will find out what the Community Learning & Development Team currently offers in the area.

If there is something you would like to know more about, or if there is something you would like to see happening in and around Meldrum, please contact us through the Community Learning and Development Office - we will be glad to try and help!

The CLD Office is situated within the Public Library at Meldrum Academy. Dawn Burnett, our Receptionist/Clerical Assistant, can usually be found here, Monday – Friday, 9.00am – 4.30pm. You can also call - 01651 871323 or send an email to: dawn.burnett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

As a team we are currently building up a number of resources to help support community groups:

- A video camera
- An overhead projector
- A laminator
- Access to a photocopier

If you would like to use/borrow any of these, please contact Dawn at the CLD Office.

The CLD Team and I look forward to meeting you out and about in Meldrum!

Regards,

Neil Ironside  
Senior CLD Worker (Meldrum)



## **CLD Contacts :**

Neil Ironside – Senior CLD Worker  
Beth Heberton – CLD Worker  
Christine Robson – CLD Worker  
(Adult Education)  
Biff Barrow – CLD Worker  
(Surestart)  
Tracey Christie – CLD Worker  
(Youth Worker)

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# MELDRUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP (C.D.G.)

Meldrum C.D.G is made up of a wide range of local people from a wide range of backgrounds - all with an interest in improving learning, cultural and leisure services in their local community.

With local input they can take decisions about which activities and services are most needed and suitable for their area. This might be adult learning classes, youth work projects, supporting a new sporting group or helping a cultural group such as an art-based group to mount an exhibition

CDGs can decide what's needed, how to get it and give financial support. Their funds come from any surpluses generated by their projects and that income can be used to support the following year's range of activities.

The group meets one evening every 6 – 8 weeks at Meldrum Academy. Their task is to :



- Manage the CDG budget (funding generated by the CDG Programme)
- Discuss ideas from individuals/groups about activities aimed at improving the quality of life for people in and around Meldrum.
- Allocate funding from the CDG budget to support community initiatives
- Monitor the uptake of activities offered through the CDG Programme.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of activities offered through the CDG Programme.

Meetings are open to anyone who wants to come along.

Minutes can be viewed in the Library or on the Meldrum Academy website [www.meldrumacademy.co.uk/Community/CommunityLearning](http://www.meldrumacademy.co.uk/Community/CommunityLearning)

If you are interested in seeing what it is all about first hand or in raising an idea about something you would like to see developed locally – please get in contact with:

Neil Ironside – Senior CLD Worker  
Tel No : 01651 – 871 323

# LEARNING FOR ADULTS

## What do YOU want to learn?

Currently we offer adults the opportunity to take part in the following:

- Badminton
- Salsa Aerobics
- Yoga
- French

In partnership with Aberdeen College we can also offer:

- Computing for the terrified
- The European Computing Driving Licence
- Digital Photography

If there are other things you would like to see run, please let us know and if there is enough interest we'll work with you to try and get it organised!

If you are not very confident about your reading, writing, spelling and math's skills – free, confidential help is available, either on a one-to-one basis or in a small group. Similarly if you are new to Scotland and would like to learn and speak English there are classes you can join in the area.

please contact us by completing our online survey at

[www.meldrumacademy](http://www.meldrumacademy)

.co.uk/community or phone

Christine Robson - 01651 871323.



There are also free Adult Learning opportunities in the Library.

- Interested in Family History? Library Staff offer free information and advice to get you started at their drop-in sessions, 6 – 7.30pm, on a Tuesday evening.
- Like a good read? Why not join the small group of people who meet on the first Thursday of every month, 6.30 – 7.30pm, in the library to choose a book to discuss and share their opinions?
- Interested in a chat? The Friends Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. Sometimes there is an invited speaker but often just lots of chat and a cup of tea/ coffee! From 2pm onwards in the Library.

Contact Meldrum Library for more information. Tel No 01651 871307

# LEARNING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Community Learning Workers working with young people in the area are Beth Heberton and Tracey Christie. Based at Meldrum Academy their job is to help young people have a voice in the community and to organise local groups, events and projects.

One way of doing this is through the Meldrum Youth Forum, a lively group of young people aged 12 – 25 which meets one evening a week at the Academy. If you are a young person interested in coming along, either to see what's going on, or to have your say about something, then drop by the Community Office or ring 01651 871323.

At the moment the CLD groups in the area which are run by young people for young people are:

'Hit the Decks' (a D.J. project based at Meldrum)

A Dance Group at Meldrum

Rothie Action Group

The Tarves Hut project

If you and/or any of your friends have more ideas of things you would like to see change or take place in or around Meldrum why not get in contact?

It's over to you.....



# LEARNING FOR THE COMMUNITY

.... is working with people in their communities to improve knowledge, skills, confidence, networks and resources to tackle and grasp opportunities.

For Meldrum Community School Network the priority for support has been the Community Development Group. They undertook a project to ask local people their learning needs. The findings will inform plans, programmes and community partners. Advice and support has been given to local community groups from Meldrum Skatepark to the Two's Group and Crafty Mums.

Meldrum Community Learning and Development gives

*support for volunteering  
identifies community needs  
finds solutions  
advice on funding  
assistance with project management  
and works in partnership*

For more detailed information please contact Neil Ironside or Beth Heberton.



# SPORT AND LEISURE

Recreation activities available at Meldrum include a weekly recreational badminton group, suitable for juniors (6.30 - 8.00pm) and adults (8.00 - 10.00pm) every Monday evening £3.00 per person (concession £1.50), aimed at those who enjoy playing the sport at a recreational level.

Regular children's day camps, sports, games and activities aimed at ages 5 upwards. These take place during school holiday periods, separate leaflets are available with more details and prices.

Terrific Tuesdays is a new family fun activity evening on Tuesday nights from 4.45pm-9.45pm it includes Basketball, Badminton, Football sessions, Gym Inductions, Exercise, Pilates Classes and the exotic Salsa Aerobics. This project will allow children and parents to enjoy exercise together – all under one roof.

To book public courts or find out more contact 01651 871300

between 4.00pm and 8.30pm,  
Monday - Friday.

# Activities for Parents and Under 5's

It's Biff's job to work with a range of partners in and around Meldrum to ensure a network is in place to support families with pre-school children.

Currently the groups supported by Community Learning and Development are:

- **Meldrum Playgroup**  
Meets on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays  
9.00 – 11.30am OR 12.15 – 2.45pm  
£4.60 per session for children aged 2-3.  
(Concessions available for families in receipt of a means tested benefit.)  
For information on free places for children aged 3+ please contact the Community Office.
- **Meldrum Creche**  
Runs on a Monday and Friday morning from 9.30 – 12.30am at Meldrum Primary School. Primarily to support parents to attend Adult Learning Groups and Classes it is also open to parents who need a short break to run a few messages or to catch up with the housework in peace.  
£2.60 per child per hour.
- **PEEP**  
A chance for you and your child to have some fun with rhymes and songs and to talk through the

challenges in bringing up a young child. Please contact the Office for details of where and when this group is running.

- **'From Pram to Primary School'**  
What do you do with small children who won't eat or sleep or co-operate?  
It's not easy, but this informal and friendly parenting support group which runs over 6 weeks might offer some suggestions to parents with children from 6 months to five years old. Please contact the Community Office for details of where and when this group is running.
- **Sing a ring and Rhyme Time Sessions**  
Run by Library Staff every second Monday in the Library.

9.45 – 10.15am	Babies 0 – 10 months.
10.15 – 10.30am	Juice
10.30 – 11.00am	Babies on the move & toddlers.

Whether you are a parent/carer with ideas you want developed or community issues needing dealt with - or maybe you are just looking for a little support or advice in bringing up a young family - please get in touch!

Biff Barrow : 01651 871323

# Can you help us – Can we help you?

Community Learning and Development in Meldrum is always on the look out for volunteers. If you have some spare time and would like to help out in some capacity in the local community please let us know! You will be offered ongoing support to make this a meaningful and enjoyable experience!

## Local Councillors

Cllr. Jim Gifford - 01651 869493  
cllr.j.gifford@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cllr. Allan Hendry - 01358 743091  
cllr.a.hendry@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cllr. Paul Johnston - 01651 851690  
cllr.p.johnston@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Cllr. John Loveday - 01651 872591  
cllr.j.loveday@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

## Local Contacts

Many people contact our office looking for information on a wide range of issues.



Please get in touch and tell us who you are and how to contact you. We like to give help and up to date information – and you may well recruit new people to your group!

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or contact us on  
[www.meldrumacademy.co.uk/Community](http://www.meldrumacademy.co.uk/Community)