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The National Adult Learning Organisation of Ireland



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AONTAS are the National Adult Learning Organisation of Ireland, founded in 1969 and passionately working ever since to make education equal and accessible for all. Backed by our robust research and focussed community work, we advocate and lobby for quality education for all adults, and raise awareness of the impact of adult learning on people's lives and on society. We work on behalf our members, who connect with all communities across the island of Ireland. Our members and adult learners inform all our research and campaigns for social change.

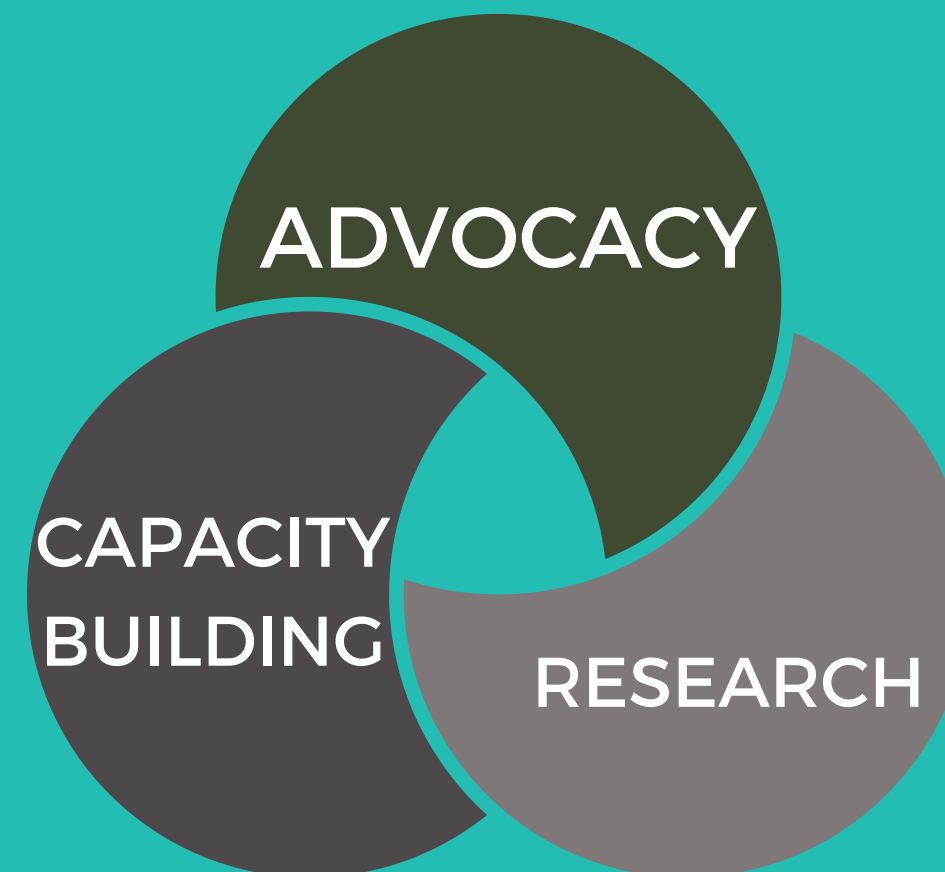
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**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:
LOCAL,
LIFELONG,
LIFE CHANGING**

LEARNER STORIES

“From the moment I walked into my first class, I knew I had made the right decision. I was welcomed with kindness and compassion, free of judgment.” – Finbarr

AONTAS The Voice of Adult Learning



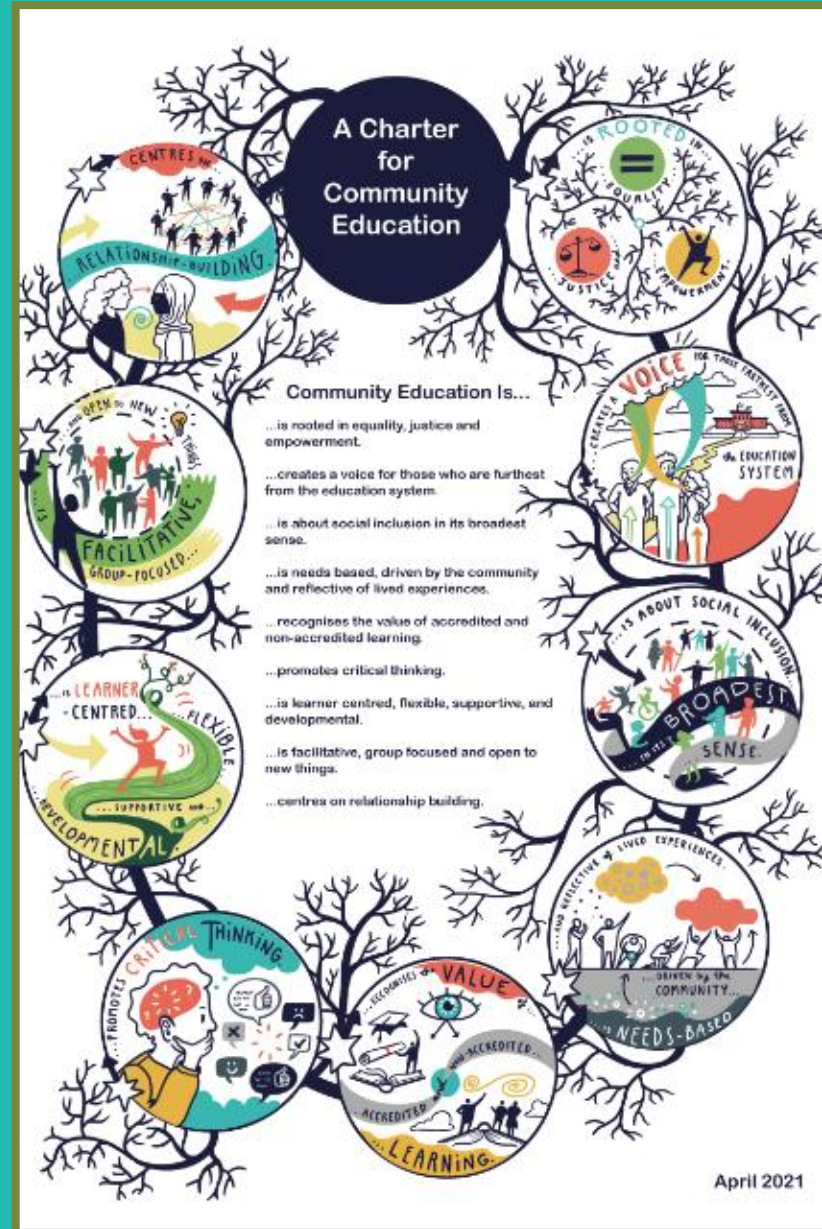
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“At first I could only say ‘please’. Now I can ask questions, express myself, and connect with others.” – Esther

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What is Community Education?



Irish National Coordinator New European Agenda for Adult Learning (NEAAL)



Building Stable Roots in a Sustainable Learning Ecosystem

Our main objective is to enhance a powerful and empowering learning ecosystem for learners, organisations, and the community education sector in Ireland.

We are focused on empowering learners, building the capacity of community education practitioners, raising awareness on the green and digital transition, enhancing the standing and visibility of the community education sector, and promoting the idea that learning can happen anywhere.

The target groups for this project are learners with low educational attainment in employment, lone parents, Travellers, people who are homeless, migrants and refugees, people with disabilities, older learners, women (particularly home-makers), marginalised and vulnerable adults, adult and community educators, adult and community education staff, employers, and EU partners.



Innovation in Community Education

Greener Tomorrow through Community Education

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Working towards a future where everyone is well equipped to participate in and adapt to a world shaped by climate change.

What is a “just green transition”?

A just green transition means shifting to a **sustainable, low-carbon economy** in a way that is **fair and inclusive**. It means addressing climate change while ensuring that all communities, including the most vulnerable, have equal opportunities.

This involves promoting renewable energy, green jobs, and sustainable practices, while also supporting those displaced by climate impacts and engaging marginalized groups in the process.

Climate change will impact vulnerable populations more acutely. We need an immediate focus on changes with social justice in mind. The goal is to create a resilient and equitable society where the environmental and social



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Beyond Classrooms: Alternative
Adult Learning Spaces

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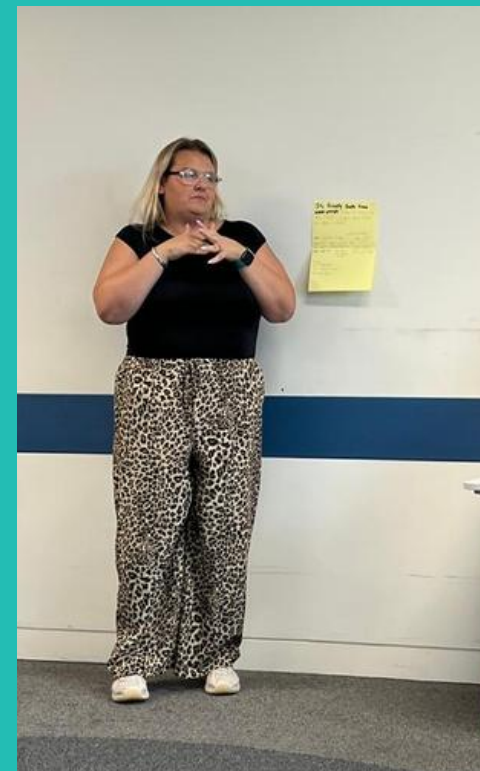
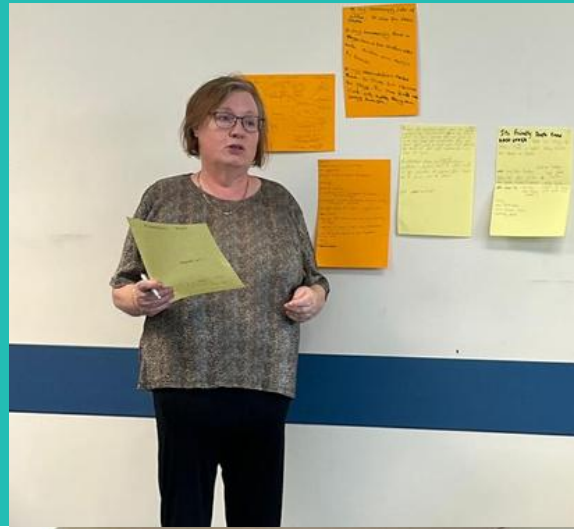


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Development Worker

So the small things that
you can do

Learners as Leaders Community Changers



powerful and empowering learning ecosystem for learners...

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‘It was honestly the first time I was offered a sandwich on my way home and also the diet, mobility, travel etc all are best display of kindness which sets the space in which to learn’

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‘That if you put so many different people from different backgrounds in a room you can find an appropriate solution to anything’

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‘The most meaningful thing I learned was that there are others who truly care and we will make positive changes in our communities, we won’t give up’

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‘I think I have the ability to make a difference in my community’

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‘The most meaningful thing I learned was that there’s people passionate about creating change for better communities for all.’

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‘Nothing can be fixed forever, small things matter’

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‘That there are many people who care’

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‘Empowerment, It really changed my life and it gave me more hope to stand’

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Thank you!



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