

The Huskies are Harnessed and Ready to Go, but Who is Shouting “Mush”?

A consideration of the challenges and opportunities inherent in meeting the needs of learners in Adult and Community Learning



Our Sled...

Why did we do this research?:

- To further develop a strong partnership
- In response to changes in the community learning landscape
- To consider how the learners voice could be heard



The Team of Huskies ...

What are the challenges for working in partnership?

- Going in the same direction
- Moving at the same pace
- Shared vision & purpose
- Collaboration not competition



The Journey ...

How did we conduct our research?

- Literature review
- Document search
- Survey of partner organisations
- Survey of learners and non-learners
- Case Studies
- Interviews



Mush!

What did we find out?

- The importance of the power base
- Learners should be viewed as more than passive data sources
- Collaboration alone is not sufficient



Going Ahead

Our recommendations

- Involve learners as co-researchers
- Address the barriers to collaborative working
- Embed learning in to the life of a community

“Give communities a real say over learning” — John Hayes MP

Thank You For Listening

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