

Norfolk County Council, Adult Learning

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Pound Plus Operating Procedure

What is pound plus?

Pound Plus is a term used by the Education and Skills Funding Agency to describe additional income generated by providers of adult education over and above the core Adult Education Budget. It is important because generating additional income allows us to maximise the value of public investment and is used to increase the service we can provide to residents.

What we do

Norfolk County Council Adult Learning adds value to the Public Pound (the Adult Education Budget (AEB)) by working to reduce costs, share resources and attract additional income (actual or in kind) to widen the offer available to disadvantaged learners who otherwise may not be able to afford course fees.

The main elements of Pound Plus at Norfolk County Council Adult Learning include:

- Fee Income
- Income from room hire to local community groups and businesses
- Income made from the sale of materials and refreshments
- Curriculum efficiency – avoiding duplicate provision
- Curriculum planning – by ensuring the courses offered meet the local, regional and national priorities
- Access to venues at no or reduced costs
- The use of volunteers to support learning where appropriate
- The use of shared resources
- Partnership working
- Equipment donations
- Access to other funding sources or equipment.

Monitoring

Norfolk County Council Adult Learning will carry out regular reviews through our quality processes and self-assessment.