



Learning in Later Life 2009 - 2010

The Association regularly researches the value of lifelong learning and education in later life to older people. To this end we are currently asking older people what place education and learning currently has in their lives. It is our intention to use the findings, comments and testimonies received (anonymously) to help influence older people and adult education policy. We will also work with education providers to help them better target provision to the needs of older people in their communities, and of course help them find ways to better fund such provision. We hope you will complete this small questionnaire today and e-mail it to Jim Soulsby jim.soulsby@btinternet or return it to the person who provided you with it.

The results of a survey undertaken in 2008/9 will shortly be available on our website: - <http://www.associationforeducationandageing.org/>

In what ways are education and opportunities to learn important to you?

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What learning are you engaged in now or have been doing in the last three years?

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What were the major obstacles you had to overcome?

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What might you consider doing next in the way of learning or as a result of your learning experiences?

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Have you gained any benefits from learning? Can you say what they are?
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What message would you wish to pass on to other older people considering engaging in learning?

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What kinds of learning have you tried in the last three years – such as self help through U3A or similar, self taught e.g. using books, computer, TV.

Please tick any of these boxes you feel apply to you.

Self help like U3A		College or university	
Local authority		Workers' Education	
Open University		Self taught	
Subsidised		Programme for pensioners	
Examination goal		No accreditation	
Ransackers		Sports & physical activity	
Arts and music		Computing & technology	
Other – please state			

It would help us with our analysis and in how we use the data you provide if you could provide some more background information

Age Gender

Age at which your initial education/schooling was terminated (15 – 22?)

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If you wish to complete this questionnaire later you may post it to Jim Soulsby, Lavender Cottage, 3 Harborough Rd, Clipston, LE16 9RT. Thank you for your support. (version1)