

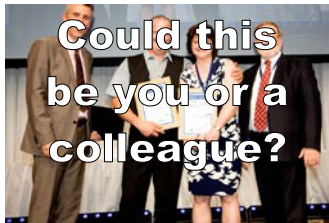
What we have achieved so far

Since the charity's formation in 2003 we have:

- Engaged an expert survey of accessibility
- Drawn up architect's plans for a lift
- Purchased a hoist for wheelchair users
- Provided special aids for swimming classes
- Financed equipment for a car wash group
- Provided a canopy for crèche outdoor area
- Paid for acoustic boards and hearing loops
- Sponsored tools for gardening classes
- Refurbished a toilet for disabled students
- Challenged withdrawal of fee concessions
- Published books by members and students
- Introduced awards for educational effort and achievement
- Set up a co-operative learning project on local history



The Frank Brown Awards



We introduced our student awards in order to celebrate outstanding effort and achievement by local adult learners.

We hope that their success will provide encouragement to others.

Each year we invite tutors to nominate appropriate students from their courses. We are particularly keen to hear about people who have overcome barriers in order to achieve, as well as those who may have contributed to the success of others in their classes and those reaching very high standards of excellence. Colchester adult learners have a proud tradition of high achievement, ranking with the best educational institutions nationally.

We named the awards in honour of our colleague, Frank Brown (1924-2014), who was a Trustee of our charity since its inception, and before that was a whole-hearted supporter of the Members' Association and the Guild in the former adult college at Grey Friars. Frank's enthusiasm for learning throughout life is commemorated in this scheme.



Access Books

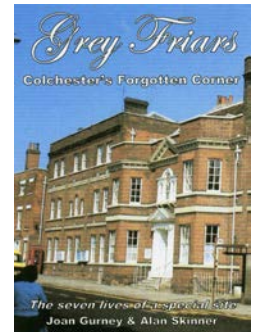
Our publications arm was formed soon after we obtained charity status. This enabled us to finance writing and publication of various books connected with community learning in Colchester.

Our 'Sharing Heritage' Project

Tracing the history of the Grey Friars site was a co-operative learning project with local residents and academic experts collaborating. We have produced a book and website describing its development since Roman times.

This project is on-going through the website and has engendered a great deal of interest in local history, family history, social history, architecture and archaeology.

To share in our discoveries you can buy the book from Red Lion Books, High Street, or the Foresters Arms, Castle Road and visit: www.greyfriarscolchester.org.uk



How we see our charity in the future

- Continuing to encourage the celebration of what is good and positive about adult learning in the Colchester area.
- Promoting more collaborative activity via the website and associated activities to raise more awareness of the fascination of local history through our 'Sharing Heritage' project.
- Contacting and collaborating with like-minded organisations to increase appreciation of the benefits of learning throughout life for individuals and the community.
- Engaging in activity through which we can advocate and support the widest possible participation in adult learning by local people.



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Who are we?

We are a charity which exists to support adult education in Colchester and the surrounding area. It grew from community involvement in Grey Friars when it was an adult college. We advocate, support and encourage all forms of participation in learning.

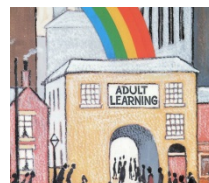
Why do we support adult learning?

We consider that taking part in professionally organised educational activities assists in the maintenance of good health, both physically and mentally, and can combat social isolation.

We particularly encourage taking up courses and classes, rather than simply participating in social gatherings. Courses are structured for development and can help to stimulate the mind, as well as providing fellowship and encouraging sociability. Also, by drawing on experience, older people as fellow students can enhance others' educational development.

Why is adult learning important?

Learning in adult life contributes significantly towards the development and sustainability of a civilised and cohesive society. Positive learning opportunities experienced at all ages of life foster open, enquiring minds and help to build greater understanding between individuals, generations and communities and build stronger neighbourhoods. Active participation in learning helps to create a society of active citizens.



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