



ACL Initiative Project Report

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Brief description of what you proposed to do

Use the Eee pcs and camera to engage parents and children on a family learning program at a Worcester school, using the new equipment to encourage parents and children to create a learning diary during the course. The evidence would be used to encourage other parents to enrol on other family learning courses, also to publish the results on a blog site.

Summary of your project *(How did your organisation integrate the mini laptops and camera into e-learning in your Adult Education Service?)*

We gave a laptop and camera to the school to make it more accessible by the parents and children on the course, a teacher at the school who was delivering the family learning course volunteered to act as the point of contact it was anticipated that the parents would spend about 10mins each week to create a learning diary using the equipment. There were 8 parents on the ICTogether computer course.

Evaluation of project

The project did not progress with the enthusiasm that it started with, the teacher at the school was involved in additional school activities which made it harder for the parents to meet and complete their diaries.

The parents also had to deal with Child illness and change to their circumstances. This had a knock on effect which changed what they were able to input into the project and eventually they had to withdraw from the project.

Using new equipment was hoped to be a carrot that would encourage parents to engage with their children this did not happen.

The original ICTogether course ran very well and had the desired effect of engaging parents and children from this course we one lost one parent due to change in shift pattern



Project outputs

The project needed to be more involved with the course that was running.
More time should have been devoted to the project.
More involvement from the school; be more selective of the schools to be used.
To use the equipment to trial additional projects on a similar basis using different school and groups of learners

Any plans for the future?

To be involved with other initiatives as they arise and if appropriate to the needs of the service and learners