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Microsoft Community Learning Awards

Do you represent a community group or charity that wants to actively help disadvantaged groups develop their IT skills? Could your organisation benefit from a £2,500 grant and software to be put towards an IT project?

Citizens Online and Microsoft are joining forces for a third year to bring you The Microsoft Community Learning Awards (MCLA), recognising communities and charities that promote IT skills and access to those that might not have the same chances as others.

This year they are donating grants of £2,500 and essential IT software to the 30 winning entrants.

Who is eligible?

The awards are available to all community groups and registered charities throughout the UK that are seeking funding for IT skills projects for disadvantaged young people and adults in their area.

This is your opportunity to tell us

how your community group would benefit from the grant and how it could help your community – with only 30 grants available and 400 expected entries, the more innovative your project, the better likelihood you have of winning an award!

For example, last year's winning projects ranged from a care centre in Herefordshire wishing to use IT as part of the rehabilitation of adults with brain injuries, to a project in Lincolnshire that used the award for study support session for blind and visually impaired children.

How to apply:

Eligible groups can download an application form from the awards website (www.ukcommunityawards.com) which will involve providing details about their organisation and the proposed project.

The deadline for applications is 24th March and winners will be notified at the beginning of May. An awards ceremony will be taking place in June at a venue in London.

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LITTLE ACRE CARE HOME

Residents and staff at Little Acre Care Home are very pleased to be nearing the completion of a major building project at the popular residential home.

Owners Sarah and Geoff Betsworth explained that they felt that extending the accommodation was necessary when they found that their waiting list was increasing. The four new bedrooms all have en-suite facilities, with two rooms facing towards the Solway coast and the others overlooking the garden. As with the existing rooms, they are on the ground floor and easily accessible to all.

In addition to the new bedrooms, a further extension has created a large sitting room with views towards the Scottish hills, and a paved patio area which will be very popular in the summer months. In addition to this, a second quiet sitting room has been provided, giving residents further choice of where to spend their time. All these improvements have served to enhance the homely atmosphere for which Little Acre is renowned.

"We have been able to accommodate all those on the waiting list, and are very grateful to our builders for the professional way in which the work was carried out," said Mrs Betsworth. "We are now looking forward to the grand opening which will be held in March, when we will be able to show off the new facilities".

If you would like to have a look around the home or are seeking respite or long term care for an elderly relative, please contact Sarah Betsworth on 016973 32105 or write to her at Little Acre Care Home, 82 Skinburness Road, Silloth, Cumbria, CA7 4QH.

Alternatively you may visit our web site at www.littleacrecarehome.co.uk

