

Inspire Learning Service Pound Plus Statement 2018/19

Background

The term Pound Plus is used by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to describe the added value required to supplement the existing community learning income streams to widen the offer to people who are disadvantaged and can not afford to pay fees. Inspire Learning Service is free to determine local definitions and supporting evidence trails. The ESFA requires that all providers in receipt of community learning funding from the Adult Education Budget (AEB) must publish an annual Pound Plus statement on their websites, which shows how much Pound Plus has been collected in the previous academic year.

Pound Plus Definitions:

Pound Plus is considered within three categories: Direct Income; Cost Savings; and Value for Money.

Pound Plus Category	Examples
Direct Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee income from learners • Sponsorship • Grants and tenders • Sales from products or services
Cost Savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savings in accommodation • Use of volunteers to support learning • Savings in staffing through partnerships • Shared services – back office functions
Value for Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficiency of curriculum – avoiding duplicated provision • Effectiveness of curriculum – new subjects, better progression opportunities leading to increased learner participation • Setting up self-organised groups

Pound Plus Returns 2017/18:

Pound Plus Category	Direct Delivery Community Learning (CL)	Sub-Contracted Community Learning (CL)	Other	Total
Direct Income	£13,333	£26,667	£104,167	£144,167
Cost Savings	£21,000	£0	£34,678	£55,678
Value for Money	£6,219	£3,426	£7,742	£17,387
Total	£40,552	£30,093	£146,587	£217,232

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