



New Ransackers Opportunities in Scotland and Wales

Ransackers all over the UK are undertaking 'an educational adventure' studying their subject of special interest and then writing a report on their findings. Tuition includes information technology and research skills. Recent students have undertaken interesting subjects including: family history, football hooliganism and the effect of stress on health.

The Ransackers project is now available to older learners in Scotland. A first group of learners have just completed a 'Taster' course at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh and will be receiving their certificates at an award ceremony on May 20th.

In September Strathclyde University, Glasgow, will offer a first full Ransackers course and discussions are also taking place to establish Ransackers provision in Dundee.

In Wales Coleg Harlech is providing residential study in June and July, so that older learners can participate in 'taster' courses before deciding where they will study for the full programme. This opportunity is available to both English and Welsh students.

Some older learners choose to live- in for a term at residential colleges in England, while others study on a two days a week non- residential basis at local universities. The courses have no tuition fees for people on low incomes and residential students receive a grant to cover the costs of food and accommodation for a term.

Ex- Ransackers report increased confidence and some have taken on either voluntary or paid work afterwards and many have become active in their local communities.

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