



Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education

Committee Meetings

Executive Committee Meetings (5 per annum) Next one:
Monday 26 November 2018 (Annual meeting)

Awards Committee Meetings (3 per annum) Friday, 10 days
prior to Executive meetings in March, June and September

Projects Committee Meetings (2-3 per annum) Next one: 19th
November 2018

Social Committee Meetings (2-3 per annum)

Forest Hill House Committee Meetings (11 per annum)
First Wednesday monthly, excluding August

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Letter from our Chairman

To all our members:

Greetings! We have now had the first Executive meeting of the YLCE new year. We always have a full agenda for these quarterly meetings so we've organised an extra one to consider Governance and to look in detail at our Memorandum and Articles. Reading through the original Mem and Arts is salutary and rather humbling - you can't help feeling close to women who, all those years ago, decided what the newly formed Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education would set out to do, detailing who they would support and how this would be accomplished. They were admirable - such strong women, with a keen eye for deprivation and injustice and it is a privilege for all of us who are currently members of the YLCE to continue their work. Would they recognise us? I hope so. We work hard to maintain what we have and we try to make progress. We all contribute - either by simply paying our subs, or by serving on the various committees, producing the newsletter, acting as treasurer, organising events, and, of course, by supporting events. So please do bring guests to the Social Committee's "Christmas Sandwich Lunch and Food Fayre" on 1st November, and to Elizabeth Peacock's talk on the Suffragettes on 12th November. Early in the new year (date to be confirmed) Carole hopes to organise a concert with Ad Hoc Baroque - and then, in Spring, the Projects Committee will hold its Coffee Morning on 21st of March, 2019. The AGM is on 11th February, 2019 and, on this occasion, the postprandial talk will be a little different.

We are starting to put together a slide pack that could be used to give a presentation about the YLCE to interested groups and we would like to try it out at the AGM; we need a captive audience, receptive after a good lunch, prepared to listen to this as a work in progress and then to offer a robust and honest critique (guaranteed to be gratefully received!)

We hope to end up with a presentation that will help with publicity, recruitment and fundraising and would therefore be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer us information/cuttings/articles/references on the history of the YLCE. Please contact our secretary, Nicola (contact details in the Newsletter) in the first instance and she will pass on all contributions to Isobel and Tricia, who are collating the material. Like other groups, we have a declining membership but we are still able to recruit good and able women - you can read about two of them elsewhere in this Newsletter. We do hope for a good turnout at the AGM on 11th February (please - into your new diary now!)

I recently had an interesting time finding my way back to the city centre by way of the dark arches after joining our treasurer Anne Taylor and Nancy Donner at Investec (good coffee) to meet Rowena, who looks after the YLCE portfolio. Not my area of expertise, but really interesting to listen to a professional who dealt in detail with our portfolio in a most clear and cogent way, listened closely to all suggestions, discussed these and then agreed decisions and adjustments. Looking at our Financial Report reminded me to thank once again the members of the Yorkshire Training Fund, who donated all their remaining funds to us when they wound up their affairs.

In conclusion, I continue to enjoy my time on the Executive Committee - good women, all with something to say; you can't beat it!

My best regards, Gill
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A word from the new editor:

After this edition of the newsletter, I will be taking over the duties of editor fully, i.e. as from the Spring newsletter. I would like to thank the Chairman, Executive Committee and previous editor for all their support. I look forward to communicating with you all further through the medium of this newsletter.

Lorraine Harding

Dates for your diary:



Thursday 1st November 11.30 am - 2 pm

Christmas Sandwich Lunch and Food Fayre

St Chad's Parish Centre

Otley Road Far Headingley Leeds LS16 5JT

Monday 12th November 2 pm Devonshire Hall

Elizabeth Peacock:

'The Story of the Suffragettes'

Subscriptions due

and are to be paid by **1st February** at the very latest (N.B. before the AGM). (A reminder will be sent out at the beginning of December.)

Monday 11th February **AGM** St Chad's Parish Centre

Thursday 21st March

Coffee morning St Chad's Parish Centre

Events

We had hoped to arrange several events during the Autumn term, in addition to those organised already by the Social Committee, but owing to difficulties in finding mutually convenient dates for venues, speakers or performers, plans have had to be changed.

For example, the pre-Christmas concert which has been held for the last two years and has, by now, become an annual YLCE event has proved impossible to arrange in the Advent period but we hope to re-arrange the event early in the New Year, possibly on Saturday 5th January, with a brand new theme.

However, we do have a definite date for your diary:

On 12th November, Elizabeth Peacock will give her re-scheduled talk on the Suffragette Movement which had to be postponed from last October. The talk will be entitled 'The Story of the Suffragettes', and will be held in the Fenton Room at Devonshire Hall at 2.30pm, preceded by refreshments in the Byford Room at 2pm. There is an entry fee of £5 payable on the day. We are looking forward very much to her talk especially in this, the centenary year of the suffragette movement.

Do remember that our events are open to members and guests, who will be made most welcome.

Further details of all the events listed in the newsletter will be sent out in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, or any ideas for future events, please do let me know by email on gtabbron@talktalk.net.

I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Carole Tabbron

THE YORKSHIRE LADIES' COUNCIL OF EDUCATION

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

invite you and your friends to a

**CHRISTMAS SANDWICH LUNCH
AND FOOD FAYRE**

At St Chad's Parish Centre
Otley Road Far Headingley Leeds LS16 5JT

**on Thursday 1 November 2018
from 11 30 a m to 2 00 p m**

***Home-made Christmas Fare
Cards Handbags & Scarves Jewellery
Books CDs & Puzzles Raffle***

Entrance £5 00

Proceeds in support of
HELP

An English language project based at St Aidan's to help immigrants

**A short talk will be given at about 12 45 p m
by a representative from HELP**

For more information about HELP see below.

Social Committee

Please make a note in your Diary and tell your Friends re the Annual Christmas Sandwich Lunch and Food Fayre, on November 1st 2018, from 11.30 am to 2pm St.Chad's Parish Church Centre, Otley Road. There will be various Stalls: Handbags and Scarves, Phoenix cards, Christmas Novelties, Fancy Goods, Jewellery, Raffle.

The Charity we are supporting is 'HELP' which is based at St, Aidan's Church, Rounday Road in Harehills, Leeds. It welcomes Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Immigrants from other Countries, classes are run 2 mornings a week for complete beginners and more advanced Students.

Children are provided for in a Creche. Certificates are presented each year in July, and Educational and Leisure Trips are organised where Participants can practice English and see more of the Country.

We hope to have a Representative from the Organisation to give a short Presentation of the work done by 'HELP'.

Please do come bring your Friends, it is an opportunity to meet with other Members, enjoy Homemade Sandwiches, purchase delicious Christmas food, all made by the Committee, and buy Christmas Cards and Presents.

Gill Milner

More information on HELP sent by Celia Roberts from the Project:



Harehills English Language Project (H.E.L.P)

HELP was established over twelve years ago by Rev Diana Zanker. Diana realised there was a huge need to provide ESOL classes so that asylum seekers, refugees and EU members could integrate in society and develop their confidence at speaking English. Her vision was to provide free ESOL classes to any adult who couldn't speak English. The project started with four students and since then has grown dramatically. HELP now operates in two venues – St Aidan's Church and Trinity United Church on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We have six classes ranging from Pre entry to Advanced. A paid Project Leader and Deputy Project Leader run the project along with twenty volunteers plus a creche manager and deputy creche manager.

One of the unique aspects of our project is our creche. This enables parents to leave their children in a safe environment whilst they learn English. Creche operates from a hall at Trinity United and can take up to fourteen children aged 1 to 4. The creche is run by a Manager, Deputy Manager and five volunteers. It is very popular!

As well as our regular classes, we always have an annual visit to the seaside for students and their families. This is a very special occasion. We are welcomed by the Methodist church in Sewerby near Bridlington and then walk along the cliff to the beach, where we have a picnic, play games and paddle. Individual class teachers also organise visits from time to time, such as to Temple Newsam, the main library and to Harewood House.

Every year we have approximately two hundred students register for classes and approximately 35 children register for creche. From these numbers we regularly have between 35 and 50 students in class, sometimes more. Creche is full more often than not. All creche workers and volunteers work extremely hard to ensure the children in their care have a joyful time.

Our teacher volunteers all have a background in teaching. They do a tremendous job and without their dedication and hard work we would really struggle.

Our project relies completely on donations and funding bids. Without the generosity of organisations such as Yorkshire Ladies Council for Education, we would not survive.

Projects Committee

Our annual fundraising Coffee Morning was held in March at St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road, Headingley. As well as the shopping and social activities, guests enjoyed presentations from our chosen charities.

Carole O'Connor of The Inside Outside Club at St Gregory's, Seacroft, spoke about the needs and challenges of providing educational and practical support for school-age children in one of the most deprived areas of Leeds. The money raised by the Projects' Committee at the Coffee Morning will be used to support an extra needs teacher at the Club.

Carolyn Browne, the manager of the Riding for the Disabled Association in Wakefield, joined us again for a second year and spoke about the work of the Wakefield RDA. The charity provides horse riding to improve the health and well-being of people with disabilities in the Wakefield District and she said that the money raised by the Projects' Committee at last year's Coffee Morning allowed several of their young riders to compete at the RDA National Championships that summer. She was very pleased that the charity would be able to sponsor other young riders to attend the 2018 competition.

We are always pleased to hear how the hard work of all those who helped at the Coffee Morning and the money raised by our guests is appreciated by the recipients and makes a positive contribution towards the lives of children and young people struggling with grave disadvantages.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to The Projects Committee. If you can help and would like to join a small, friendly group, please contact me. Our next committee meeting will be held at Forest Hill on Monday 19th November and the next Coffee Morning will be at St Chad's Parish Centre on Thursday 21st March 2019.

Margaret Pullan

Forest Hill Report to the Executive



Earlier this year the Forest Hill House Committee merged with the Board to create a more simplified management structure. Tricia Hollis who had been Chairman of the House Committee, is now Deputy Chairman of the Board and this year has coordinated two social events for the residents, a Spring Tea in March and the Yorkshire Day Strawberry Tea on 1st August. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by residents, staff and helpers.

The residents organise a variety of social events including a fish and chip lunch club and Saturday coffee mornings. The staff also run regular social events for residents, including dinner parties, homemade cake afternoons, quiz and supper evenings and the annual Christmas Lunch in December.

This year it was decided not to hold a Summer garden party as attendance had been declining over the previous few years.

There are currently three vacant properties and these are being actively advertised in order to let them as speedily as possible.

Forest Hill - Board Member Opportunities

We are looking to increase the number of Board Members to broaden our skills and experience. Current Board Members have varied career experience including management, finance, education and commerce. We are not seeking any particular specialist skill at this time but an interest in social housing or supported independent living would be helpful.

Directors are expected to attend four Board meetings a year plus the AGM and to provide support and guidance as required to the small dedicated staff team.

If you feel that you might be interested in joining us, in the first instance, please contact either Kathy Hart (07860454894) or Tricia Hollis.

(01132664062)

Kathy Hart

Awards Committee

At the Awards Committee meeting in June we had to bid a regretful farewell to Audrey Sharp who had decided that the time was ripe for her resignation, having served on the Committee for some nine years, latterly as joint secretary. We shall certainly miss her 'sharp' thinking, sound judgement and astute observations. However, we have been very fortunate in recruiting Anne Mark to take Audrey's place. Anne got her first taste of Awards Committee life in late August when she received her first 'short' list of applications to read and consider before our meeting in mid September. The second list arrived on her computer in early September and I have to report that she survived the whole ordeal and emerged with a smile on her face. You can read more about her later in the Newsletter.

Since your Spring Newsletter we've come to grips with two funding rounds, one in June and one in September. Conscientious readers will remember our report then that the number of applications we get is growing, now that women can apply easily online. In June we received upwards of 125 applications. Now, that, you'll appreciate, is far too many to review in one committee session. Our Deputy chairman, Carole Gleisner and I managed to reduce that number to a tolerable 89. For the September funding round we received about the same number of applications and in similar fashion Carole and I whittled them down this time to a manageable 83. In the two rounds we were able to offer awards totalling £18,700 to 99 deserving, talented and persuasive women – and, of course, had to disappoint the rest.

We keep up our links with the University School of Music and with the Leeds College of Music, now glorifying in the title of 'conservatoire'. We've given each of these institutions £600 for the year 2018/19. They choose which two women should receive a scholarship of £300 and keep us in touch with the progress of the recipients. The College of Music is particularly generous to us: we get invited to their end-of-year concerts and to their graduation ceremony and get given VIP treatment. It's a bit humbling, really, considering the meagre sum we give, but two members of our Committee go along to these events, keen to show that we value our relationship with College. Yorkshire Ladies always gets a mention in speeches and programmes. We need our name to be known!

So whom have we offered YLCE money to?

It's still almost exclusively to women wanting to follow an academic course. We get scarcely any applications from anyone with ambitions to become a hairdresser or a plumber. However, two of the successful applicants in June we knew would have been likely to receive money from the Yorkshire Training Fund, whose funds have now been added to ours. (More of that in our next Newsletter). We offered a grant to Leonie from Huddersfield wanting to follow a NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy. She had grown up in the care system until the age of sixteen; she had then rushed into a relationship which had ended in violence, court orders, homelessness – and three children. She had worked full-time as a youth support worker but got severely into debt because of the enormity of childcare costs. With a beauty therapy qualification she can run her own business from home and work to suit her family's needs and schedules. We also offered money to Helen, from Scarborough, an animal lover with learning disabilities who had got a student social worker to help her fill in the form. She intends to do a course in Animal Management at Askham Bryan College. With the student's help she could tell us that: "I don't let my disability inhibit or hinder my life." She persuaded us that we should support her.

And what of the aspiring academics?

There's Ella, just such an academic from Cheshire, with straight A*s throughout her studies so far. Following her First in French and Arabic, she wants to pursue an MSc in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford, but needs some financial support. We queried her need for help immediately we saw she had attended a couple of very prestigious independent schools, but then she explained that all education had been free through scholarships and bursaries. A bright lass. Her parents are self-employed and money is very tight. She tells us that Arab studies is still a highly underdeveloped field in the west and in the UK in particular: there is a lot of scope for her to make a valuable contribution. She has enjoyed the experience of teaching: as part of an undergraduate module she taught Arabic 4 hours a week in a primary school. She has enjoyed research: she won an internship to Morocco and interviewed writers about their relationship with language – French or Arabic?

We know that the greater the understanding we in Britain have of the Arab world the better. We clearly had to give her our support.

And there's an Engineer, a 25-year-old from Scarborough who went down the apprenticeship-training route and completed all qualifications (NVQs, Extended Diploma, Foundation Degree and finally a BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering) all part-time on day release from her employer, a company specialising in power supply solutions. She is now embarking on an MSc in Power Distribution Engineering. She will be studying part-time and applying what she learns to her everyday work as an Electrical Design Engineer. She will be helping to develop the standby power equipment which her employer produces and integrate it into the ever-evolving National Grid Infrastructure which is rapidly changing, as we customers demand more and more energy. Her employers sponsored all her previous studies, but are only covering half her Master's fees. We thought she showed the sort of initiative and drive we should be supporting. And we thought, perhaps somewhat selfishly, that she could help keeping the lights on in our homes.

Gillie Andrews

YLCE Special Bursaries

You'll remember that we decided last year to create 'YLCE Special Bursaries' from the monies which you, our members, donate at our purely social events, that series begun by Joanne de Pennington and Rosemary Ward and now continued by our events Tsarina, Carole Tabbron.

Since our last Newsletter we've had time for just the one event: the 'Sparkling' Afternoon Tea held at Devonshire Hall on 6th June. An afternoon of tea, alcohol and cake, lively conversation among elegantly dressed women of a certain age. We looked at the list of recipients of an Award in our June meeting and at the courses they were going to pursue. Thinking back to the event, we considered as the recipient a woman doing 'Animal Management' or one embarking on 'Beauty Therapy', but decided in the end on naming Kathryn. She is about to start a BSc in Nutrition, having achieved an HNC qualification part-time through an apprenticeship. She needed help from us to cover fees for the first year of her undergraduate degree. Student finance will cover the following two years. Given our intake of noxious substances that afternoon, I'm sure you'll agree that 'Nutrition' is here a suitable subject area.

Awards Team

A grateful award recipient writes

In February this year we received a heartfelt plea for help from 54-year-old unemployed mother and grandmother, Lesley. After bringing up her 5 children she went back to education and at the age of 40 qualified with a Diploma in Social Work. Her life up till then had already given her practice in coping with difficult social relationships. As soon as she qualified she was offered a job with the charity *Women's Aid* and worked her way up the career ladder to become Operations Manager in her area. Then after 11 years, cuts to funding meant that she lost her job. Unwilling to take on just any job which wouldn't use her knowledge and experience in the social work context, she found herself in financial difficulties. Then she discovered a short course at the University of Central Lancashire at Preston entitled 'Return to Social Work'. She needed help to fund the fees and we decided she deserved our support. She has to work another 13 years before she can retire!

This is an extract from her 'Thank you' letter.

I attended the course with trepidation. I had never actually practised as a 'social worker'. I felt this course would be excellent to make sure I had up-to-date competencies in the profession I trained in and refresh my safeguarding knowledge.

I thoroughly enjoyed the course, I was fortunate to be with so many students with different backgrounds: from India, Pakistan, Gambia, Poland, Hungary, Columbia and South Africa. There was also a wide age range. Like myself they had qualified in social work but then they had been pulled away in different directions by life chances and events.

I was pleasantly reassured by my peers, the tutors and the overall experience that, although I hadn't had 'practice as a social worker,' I had gained a great deal of knowledge and experience throughout my career. The course was so beneficial: it improved my confidence, bridged the gaps and confirmed my competence. The feedback was amazing!! I thoroughly enjoyed the tutoring, the student interaction and we were given access to some brilliant resources for our continued learning. I had always kept up my registration and this course will also count to my professional development.

Since I applied for the funding from YLCE I have secured a post with the NHS as an ICAT Coordinator (Intermediate Care Allocation Team). This is an integrated team of health and social care professionals providing a single point of access to the range of intermediate care services across East Lancashire from both hospital and community settings. This includes undertaking face-to-face assessments in the service-users home, emergency department/ medical assessment/urgent care or acute medical unit or at one of the residential rehab establishments. Commissioning a plan of care and/or prescribing equipment and ensure the patient or service user access to the right professional.

I am more than qualified for this role, but with the 'Return to Social Work' course behind me, a little time in this present job will be give me the confidence very soon to apply for social worker posts. We are all aware that the retirement age has been extended, so therefore with the work & life experience I have already gained I still have a few years to share my skills, knowledge and experience. I haven't had an easy life but I have always worked, studied and brought up a big family of five children and have ten grandchildren to enhance my experiences.

I would once again like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to you and your organisation. I hope I have been worthy of your generosity and I can assure you I will put your investment to the best use I possibly can. Vulnerable groups and advocacy have always been at the heart of my core values, particularly victims of abuse.

Keep up the good work and hope others are as lucky to benefit from your investment in their lives.

Lesley

While from other recipients, in brief:

Claire Stevens was delighted to receive her grant from the YLCE towards her above course. Claire undertook her course to develop her academic work and to prepare for undertaking a PhD in the future.

The grant was incredibly beneficial to her studies as she had to have a lot of contact with university staff particularly in her first semester which did not allow her much time for paid work. Claire gained so much confidence in her first term as the grant went towards enabling her to focus completely on her studies.

Overall, the MA provided her with a broader and more detailed understanding of such theories as Culture Studies, Sociology, Digital Cultures and Film and Television Studies.

Claire would like to let future successful applicants know what a great help this grant has been and hopes in the future to be able to donate herself to upcoming applicants.

A Thank You From A Successful Award Applicant from the YLCE

Thank you so much for your award towards the fees for the first year of my Post Grad Diploma in Psychodynamic Psychotherapeutic Counselling at Brighton University. I am really looking forward to entering my second year this September and to qualifying next May. I aim to work with families who have experienced domestic abuse and to use ecotherapy (a form of therapy involving access to nature) as one of the ways to help people overcome their traumatic experiences. I already see three clients at the Rock Clinic in Brighton, where I have a two-year placement. I absolutely love what I do and feel so lucky to have been able to make a career change at this point in my life, especially when I have a low income. None of this would have been possible without your support. Thank you again and keep up the good work - it really makes a difference to people's lives.

Vanessa Jones

I would like to thank the Council once again for their generosity. Without this support, my studies at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland would not be possible and I would not have access to the wonderful opportunities, facilities and tuition offered at this institution. The world-class training provided at the Conservatoire is allowing me to realise my full potential as a vocalist and is helping me to establish a career in the arts.

I am now preparing for my finals, my final recital with a jazz quintet, I have to arrange a big band chart for 17 instruments, I am preparing for improvisation assessments plus representing Guildhall at various external engagements. So a very busy time ahead. None of this would have been possible without your help.

Thank you to you and the committee, this means a lot to me, it will make my life easier while I study and help me to do my best on my course and career afterward. I would of course be pleased to help the YLCE in any way I am able and keep in touch with updates. I'm not a practised public speaker but I would be happy to give it a go!

Just writing to say a huge thank-you for your generosity. It has made all the difference. I can now actually continue my course and follow my dreams. It has inspired me to do the best I possibly can in my studies and secure a career which will make a difference to young people's lives.

Please keep on supporting the Awards. There are so many worthy women out there who need your help.

Report on event since Spring - Sparkling Afternoon Tea



On the dull afternoon of 6th June 2018, thirty-one Yorkshire Ladies, friends and partners, were pleased to assemble inside Devonshire Hall for the 'Sparkle'. We were served with a glass of Cava or Elderflower cordial and the conversation buzzed as we chatted in random groups. Soon we were ushered into another room where five circular tables, each seating six or seven people, were laid for the elegant 'Afternoon Tea' of delicacies on boards and cake stands. The feast commenced with delicious chunky raisin scones. In deference to the venue my table decided that we should apply the strawberry jam and cream Devonshire (rather than Cornish) style, but then we could not remember in which order that was! The waitresses continuously plied us with tea or coffee while we selected from the miniature treacle or apple tarts, eclairs, strawberry shortcakes, macarons, and other pastries. With no seating plan we found ourselves with new companions and the opportunity for resumed conversations, always interesting amongst Yorkshire Ladies, and time for further circulation after eating. Carole Tabbron presented a token of thanks to the Devonshire Hall staff and offered our birthday greetings to John Lydon, our Chairman's husband. A very appreciative vote of thanks was given to Carole for organising this delightful event.

Valerie Wood-Robinson

New members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Yorkshire Ladies Council for Education:

Anne Mark



Practical, hands-on experience as a player in amateur theatre has been my abiding and ongoing pleasure, alongside my profession within the ever-changing and intriguing field of education.

This is the scenario of the 'six and a half ages' of a single woman absorbed by education and theatre and, in my time, I have played many parts in both.

At first, a primary school classroom teacher in the daytime, bubbling with enthusiasm and good ideas. And in the evening, an active and excited Am-Dram 'artiste'.

And then, the Headteacher, serious and idealistic, aiming at the best that education could provide for everyone, young and old alike.

And then, the OFSTED inspector working with HMI and the ERSC, trying to bring the world of school to be the best it could be.

Then, the self-doubter, discussing with teachers, Headteachers and Governors how they might improve their school - but inwardly questioning could I still do their job?

And so, back into Headship, to a different school, already 'failing to give a satisfactory standard of education' - a world of frights and disasters, transforming itself into a community, all pulling in the same direction, to become a world of joys and triumphs.

And finally, the Local Authority Education Officer with spectacles on nose and clipboard in hand, 'full of wise saws and modern instances'.

And so I played my part 'in this strange, eventful history' and shifted into the 'age' of retirement - sans pressure, sans stress, sans everything from the profession I thoroughly enjoyed whilst embroiled in its twists and turns.

And now, in this age of freedom, I have re-engaged with the amateur theatre, have lunches and lots of inconsequential talk and laughter with friends old and new. I have time for the garden and can take holiday breaks at will. And the scene from *The Bard* which I have omitted so far is the one in which I recently got married and have a wonderful husband and two beautiful step-daughters both of whom have loving families with children who go to school with 'shining morning faces', running and jumping with delight at the prospect of the day ahead.

It's all just As I Like It!

Jennifer Milligan



Born and bred In York I spent many years living in the south, returning north recently to be nearer family.

I read English at Bedford College, founded in 1849 to provide a liberal education for women and eventually incorporated into London University. The two professors and the reader in the department were women. The balance when I moved to Bristol to do research was rather different!

With marriage and children I started teaching in higher and in adult education. Gradually almost all my work was with the Workers' Educational Association and I am strongly committed to life-long learning. The diminution of liberal adult education saddens me.

Volunteering work over the years has included improving the welfare of babies and young children in hospital, neighbourhood mediation, support for the elderly in the community and the preservation of open spaces.

I enjoy singing, concerts, gardening, walking and having time to read whatever takes my fancy.

The achievements of YLCE are very impressive and I will gladly give whatever support I can.

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