

20<sup>th</sup> May 2013

## Educational opportunities for adult learners at Cosford

22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Almost 300 adult learners from across the West Midlands will be exploring educational opportunities at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford this week, as part of 'Adult Learners' Week'. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the Museum's food themed adult learning event 'Table Talk', aims to inspire participants and to showcase the wide range of educational opportunities this subject can offer them.**

The event is organised in collaboration with NIACE (The National Institute of Adult Continuing Education) and other organisations specialising in adult education from around the West Midlands including the Kingswood Centre, the Shakespeare Trust, Attingham Park, the National Literacy Trust and HMP Hewell Prison. NIACE aims to encourage all adults to engage in learning of all kinds by working with adult education providers, local authorities and employers.

Learners will participate in a variety of food themed workshops over the course of the morning, which will involve some active participation. From 10:00am to 12:00noon participants will learn about Romany cooking, Tudor food and how to clean copper with lemons before attempting some fun physical challenges including plate spinning, napkin folding and Romany dancing.

This drop-in event is open to any adults in the West Midlands and Shropshire who are looking to find ways to improve their literacy and confidence. At the end of the day all participants will be given information packs to take home. Educational professionals will be on hand throughout the day to offer advice and support on how to overcome their challenges.

RAF Museum Cosford Education Officer, Philip Clayton said:

*"This is the first time the Museum has run an event for adult learners. It is hoped that the day will inspire adults and give them the confidence and enthusiasm they need to learn."*

With over 1,400 events taking place around the country, Adult Learners' Week is a national celebration of lifelong learning and the positive impact it has, not only on the individual, but their family and community, workplace and society as a whole. Events will encourage participation in different kinds of learning, whether it's improving prospects in their current role, starting a new career or improving essential skills for personal development and to deal with the demands of everyday life, the events put on throughout the week aim to motivate adults to continue their learning.

For more information on this free event, please contact the Museum's Education Officer Philip Clayton on 01902 376241 or visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org).

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**Notes to Editors:**

- For further information on Adult Learners' Week or NIACE please contact Jo Knight coordinating Adult Learners' Week in the Midlands on behalf of NIACE [alwmidlands@btinternet.com](mailto:alwmidlands@btinternet.com) or 07547 677 934
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at: <http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx>
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