Marc Spotlight: Using group activities to improve literacy

Dear Amy Dunnigan

This month we'll be looking at how group activities can improve literacy and we'll be discussing: **Can bringing people together be a stronger motivation to improve literacy than independence?**

Please share your thoughts on the LiteracyActionNet FORUM by clicking here.

**YOUR EXAMPLE**

Do you know of or are you involved in a group activity, such as a book club, or project, such as the Pyramid Club below, that improves literacy? Please let us know:

- What did the project aim to achieve?
- What activities did the project involve?
- What would you say the project has achieved?
- Has the project been assessed or evaluated?
- Are there any other aspects of the project you would like to tell us about?

Please reply to this email or email amyd@lemondandcrane.co.uk.

**EXAMPLE OF THE MONTH - SCHOOLS**

**ContinYou Pyramid Club** - Pyramid Club helps to boost children's self-esteem and literacy by engaging them in fun group activities. The clubs are aimed at shy and withdrawn children who, although well-behaved, may not be achieving their full potential in class due to low self-esteem... *(more)*

**EXAMPLE OF THE MONTH - ADULTS**

**Crisis Skylight London and World Book Night** have been running a book club on a weekly basis for the past 16 weeks. It is run in the Crisis Cafe by Rosie Allen Jones from World Book Night and Annette Less from Crisis as a team led initiative. The books chosen come from a list of 25 World Book Night Titles from 2012. Participants have varying degrees of literacy skill... *(more)*

**TOP TWEETS**

- Funding for digital technology projects to improve disadvantaged pupils' attainment
  http://bit.ly/Wf3zII
- New booklet from the Dyslexia-SpLD Trust for the teacher who is worried about pupils' progress in literacy
- For National Storytelling Week from The Society of Storytelling @sfs_uk: Tips for organising a storytelling club
  http://bit.ly/VP5uuA

**NEW RESOURCES**

Follow @LiteracyNet (use #literacygroups to participate in this month’s discussion)
### MEMBER OF THE MONTH

**Annette Less**, Basic Skills Tutor, Crisis

**What's the most important thing you've learnt?**
"Never judge a book by its cover!" "It is amazing what people can do if given a little self belief, support and encouragement."

**What inspires you?**
'I am inspired by people who work extremely hard and are determined to reach their goals despite facing difficulties and challenges...' *(more)*

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### SURVEY

- [Book-Clubs-Resource.com](#): A guide to book clubs and reading groups
- [TES](#): The school book club
- [LitLovers](#): How to run a book club

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Engagement Action Research - Project Overview from the Kaizen Partnership... *(more)*