

Adult Learning Association

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2012 Calendar



MEMBER AGENCY

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Calendar funded by Literacy Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

Adult Learning Association Class Information

Community	Class Location	Class Name	Class Schedule
Sydney	Southend Community Centre, 28 Hillview Ave.	Sydney Day	Monday - Thursday 9 AM – 3:30 PM
		Sydney Evening classes	Classes available Monday to Thursday
Glace Bay	BayPlex 151 Lower North Street	Glace Bay Day	Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
		Glace Bay Evening	Monday – Wednesday 4:45 PM – 7:45 PM
New Waterford	Breton Education Centre & Safer Communities Office 8th Street	New Waterford	Monday – Thursday 9:15 AM – 1:15 PM
North Sydney	Thompson Jr. High Regent Street	North Sydney	Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

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Working with our partners, the Adult Learning Association served over 250 CBRM residents last year in 6 different communities with free upgrading, family and seniors' literacy programs. Some of their stories are told in this calendar.

For individuals, better literacy skills lead to better employment opportunities, a higher standard of living and better overall quality of life. Families see better academic achievement of children, a greater chance their children will graduate from high school and better health. Communities have decreased poverty, higher productivity, less costly healthcare and lower crime rates.

Improving literacy levels in the CBRM changes lives, families and communities.

Our learners say it best. Please support them by donating to our Learners' Fund at www.nald.ca/alacbc/ or PO Box 1283, Sydney, NS B1P 6J9.

- *I've changed in a major way. I feel like a new person with a new agenda, which is getting my grade 12. I can't believe I'm here today. It still seems like a dream. I'm proud for once in my life for sticking with it and not giving up. - **Ryan***
- *Attending the Sydney Day Class has helped to change my life. It has enabled me to re-adjust to a learning environment, as I had been out of school for many years. It helped boost my confidence and my self-esteem. - **Diane***
- *Now people look at me a whole different way. They see me and they know I can do it. My children are so proud of me for returning to school, and sometimes we do our homework together. - **Nona Lee***
- *It is very important to me to be in class to get my education so I can move on with getting a career to make a better life for me and my daughter. - **Christina***
- *Before this program I was out of school and not working. Since I've been here I am now working and heading in the right direction to complete my education and open my own business. - **Jerry***
- *I feel my life has totally changed since being in school. I am more confident in all aspects of my life. I feel I have a voice and importance in the world. The way I stand up for myself and my family surprises me. When I start something I see it through, no matter how hard I find it. I feel I am a better person and a better mom. There are so many things I want for myself and they are all reachable for me now because of attending school. I am now going to be able to move on to a good job eventually and look forward to providing a house for me and the kids. - **Cathy***

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Proud new driver Michael Cooke of Sydney shows off his driver's licence. Michael gained skills and confidence in our classes, and is now an honours student at the Adult High School. He graduates in June, 2012 and plans to join the military. He says "it takes hard work, determination and dedication." Michael's achievements are life changers.



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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 <i>Classes Resume</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Family Literacy Day</i>	28
29	30	31				

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Chris MacPherson and Abdellatif Rifki do some Internet research on the computer. Computer instruction is part of all of our classes, because digital literacy is an essential skill in today's economy. Chris and Abdellatif have great computer skills, which will give them a real advantage in the workforce. Improving the education level of CBRM adults leads to more skilled workers, and a more productive economy.

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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Edwin Donovan of North Sydney demonstrates his fly tying talents to his class. Edwin is also a helpful computer troubleshooter, and a dedicated, hard worker. Adults come to our classes with many skills and abilities and gain further skills in our programs. Last year Edwin completed First Aid, WHMIS and Food Handling certification with us, and improved his academic skills.



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March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>March Break Begins</i>	13	14	15	16	17 <i>St Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Instructors Corrina Petersen and Janice Rideout share a laugh with New Waterford learners Doreen Lynk, Cory Harte, Mary Hutchison, Jocelyn Fahey and Kim Hawley at a Workforce Readiness workshop. Regular classroom work is enhanced by workshops to improve people's work skills. Donations to our Learners' Fund help support these workshops.

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April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9 <i>Easter Monday</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Kim Hawley of our New Waterford class is an enthusiastic learner with excellent attendance. Kim is a talented artist and has strong reading and writing. She is focusing on improving her math skills. Math skills are needed in our everyday lives, and are important for financial literacy.



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May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Victoria Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
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High School graduate and mom, Sheri Murphy. Sheri is now studying Early Childhood Education. She found her time in our Sydney class helped her pursue further education by boosting her confidence. Sheri wants to get a good job so she can support her children and be able to send them to college.

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June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Davis Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>National Aboriginal Day</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Andrea Walsh and Tracey Norman like the relaxed, warm atmosphere in their Sydney Evening class. They can work at their own pace on their reading and math. Our programs are offered for a wide range of learners.



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July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Canada Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	21
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Julia Momberquette, Caitlyn Kozera and Abby Momberquette of the Sydney Reading Together Club show off a craft from their book club session. They enjoy coming to these monthly clubs, where they read great books and do fun crafts and activities. Reading Together Clubs for school age children and their parents are also offered in Louisbourg and Glace Bay with our partner the Cape Breton Regional Library. Reading really can be fun!

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August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 <i>Civic Holiday</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Eid al Fitr</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Learners Marilyn Stewart, Chris MacPherson, Sheryl MacLeod, and Abdellatif Rifki read the Cape Breton Post in the Sydney class, thanks to the Post's Newspapers in Education program. Articles in the Post provide plenty of learning material, and can lead to some lively discussions. Our learners enjoy reading the newspaper. It helps them be informed and engaged citizens of their community. Our programs are also beneficiaries of Postmedia's Raise-a-Reader day.



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September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Labour Day</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 <i>Classes Begin</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Raise-a-Reader Day</i>	27	28	29
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Roy Herney of the Sydney class receives a Learners' Fund bursary from board chair Doug Buffett at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Roy worked nights and attended day classes, and continues this at the Adult High School. "This program has helped me to see that a better future is possible for me and my family. It has helped me with my confidence because I know that at my age I can still learn. You are never too old to learn and to take on new challenges."

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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 <i>Thanks-giving</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Eid al Adha</i>	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>			

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Glance Bay classmates Vivian Pasher, Laurie Hawley and Kendra McNeil hang out at our Literacy Action Week event. They enjoy the supportive, friendly atmosphere of our small classes. Kendra reminds us all she is a proud resident of Dominion, not Glance Bay. Literacy Action Week helps make our communities more aware of the impact of improving literacy skills.



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November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 <i>Literacy Action Week</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Frosty and his Glace Bay friends, Vivian Pasher, Moira Gilmet and children entertain the crowds with their class entry in the local Santa Claus parade. Kids in families with better literacy skills get better marks and have a greater chance of graduating from high school. Please consider giving the gift of literacy with a donation to our Learners' Fund – it will change lives, families and communities.

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December 2012

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9 <i>Hanukkah Begins</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa</i>	27	28	29
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					