

AMBITION 4 – OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE, LEARN AND PLAY

AMBITION - We will improve educational, cultural and leisure opportunities and raise educational standards in the City.

WHY

Educational achievement in the city is the lowest in the county, with fewer young people staying on in education post 16 ^(xi). 23% of residents have poor literacy and 24% poor numeracy ^(xii). We don't make full use of our cultural, heritage and leisure assets.

WE WILL

Encourage more young people to take up education and training opportunities post 16

Raise attainment in early years and in schools

Improve the basic skills of adults

Improve the qualification levels of people from Black and Minority Ethnic communities

Develop neighbourhood and access to e-learning opportunities

Encourage all people to continue to learn

Listen to children and young people, involve them in decisions about services that affect them and accredit their participation

Celebrate diversity in the city, promoting cultural awareness and increasing opportunities for multi-cultural development

Use sports, arts and culture as a means to raise aspirations and attainment

Build on the historical, cultural and sports assets of the city to develop learning opportunities for residents and visitors

Examples of Strategies

Adult Learning Plan
Early Years Development and Childcare Plan
Education Development Plan
Gloucestershire Cultural Strategy
Learning and Skills Council Gloucestershire Local Strategic Plan
Tourism Strategy

Key Partnerships

Community Counts - Neighbourhood Management
Connexions Partnership
Education Achievement Zone
Gloucestershire Learning Partnership
Gloucestershire Neighbourhood College
Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership
Learning City Gloucester
Neighbourhood Partnerships
Partnerships for Progression
Sure Start



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TARGETS - by 2008

10 new local facilities meeting the play, social and development needs of children and young people

Two new neighbourhood learning centres

The number of 16+ young people in Gloucester in structured learning and training increased significantly, and the proportion of these going on to higher education raised substantially

A major increase in the number of adults reaching minimum levels of Language, Literacy and Numeracy and the proportion of these progressing into learning also raised

Three substantial initiatives reflecting the cultural diversity and heritage of Gloucester with city-wide participation

Links to other Ambitions

Success in this ambition will also contribute to:
Strong & Vibrant City - the University, and improved cultural and leisure activities impact on the vibrancy of the city

Inclusive City - education is a key factor in employability and reducing poverty

Healthy Active City - adult learning opportunities can significantly affect mental well-being

Safe Clean & Pleasant City - increasing facilities for young people and improving cultural assets will improve perceptions and appearance of neighbourhoods and of the city

