



## Seminar addresses needs of adult learners with learning difficulties

**A packed seminar held recently in the Royal Hotel explored some of the issues involved in providing educational opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and difficulties. Entitled *Heading in the Right Direction? A Review of Educational Opportunities for Marginalised Adults in Bray*, the seminar was very well attended by a range of local community, voluntary and statutory agencies delivering adult education in the town, as well as adult learners and parents.**

Seminar participants heard inputs from guest speakers including the socio-economic consultant, Trutz Haase, who had just completed research for Bray Partnership investigating the lifelong learning needs of young people with learning disabilities in the Bray area. Nuala Creane, a training consultant, and Ann Bohen from Co. Leitrim VEC offered an understanding of specific learning difficulties and pointed to creative ways of engaging with people with learning difficulties.

The seminar was facilitated by the Bray Adult Education Network and was designed to provide a forum for education providers to consider the needs of people with learning difficulties and to develop appropriate policy and service responses, as well as providing a networking opportunity for local groups and agencies involved in the delivery of adult education in Bray. Funding for the seminar was provided by the Little Bray Family Resource Centre, Co. Wicklow VEC and Bray Partnership.

This is the first in a series of seminars planned by the Bray Adult Education Network with a seminar addressing models of family learning planned for early 2005.

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