

In Scotland, Adult Learner's Week awards are given to individuals and groups who have overcome personal difficulties to achieve recognition through learning. It recognises people who have used learning as a springboard, gaining new skills and moving forward in their lives.

This year over 340 nominations were received and selection panels chose a range of winners across Scotland whose experience they felt captured the diversity and range of adult learning happening in our communities.

The Grampian TV individual Award Winner for 2006 was Pat Devine, who was recognised for his involvement in learning and how he used this to overturn poor health.

Pat was nominated by Lucy Coventry an Adult Learning Worker based at Douglas Community Centre.

Pat's achievements in learning have been a great inspiration to others; he has shown all that is needed is to take the first step. Through learning he has been able to overcome his health problems, gain confidence, and prove to himself and others that everyone has something to offer. Looking ahead, Pat is intending to do a lot more for the Douglas Community Centre in order to help others, and to further develop his skills, knowledge and abilities whenever he can.

Pat is now thinking about returning to work.

The Committee is invited to acknowledge his achievement, and that of his tutors, and the recognition that this has brought to Dundee.