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Dear colleague

The “Belfast a Learning City” strategy sets out a vision of how Lifelong Learning can be used to create a fairer and more equal city for all and to deliver better outcomes for the city through a targeted, focused and collaborative approach to lifelong learning.

The strategy was produced by the Belfast Strategic Partnership’s Lifelong Learning Group and was launched on 10th February 2015 with the endorsement of the Partnership’s three Co-Chairs – the Chief Executive Officers of Belfast City Council, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust and the Public Health Agency.

We ask you to read “Belfast a Learning City”, share it with your colleagues and discuss what the Learning Charter means to your organisation and how its principles and approaches might be incorporated into your future plans. We also welcome your views on what the Charter means to the city.

At the launch event we invited everyone to list actions they would take and/or their aspirations for the city on learning. We are very heartened by the range of aspirations and vision contained in these comments which are also available to read on the BSP website.

As set out in the introduction to the strategy, we believe that “Belfast a Learning City” offers us a powerful vision of how we can collectively remove barriers, raise aspirations and increase opportunities for learning, and by doing so we can create a more resilient, cohesive and inclusive city for all. Everyone has a part to play.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to meet with us to discuss your ideas and views on the above.

For further information or for further copies of the Learning Charter contact Dolores Atkinson in the Belfast Health Development on 9050 2073 or email: [dolores.atkinson@bhdu.org](mailto:dolores.atkinson@bhdu.org)

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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