

Neighbourhood Learning NEWS



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Welcome

Welcome to the 2008 edition of Neighbourhood Learning News.

This project continues to have great success and goes from strength to strength. To date this year we have processed 887 enrolments with 533 learners.

As well as attending the course all learners are offered advice and support by the Guidance team. They advise on progression to further education and training, career choices and preparation for employment.

The courses we have run this year include:

- ◆ Hairdressing beginners to NVQ 1
- ◆ Alternative Therapies
- ◆ Arts & Crafts
- ◆ Level 2 Awards in First Aid
- ◆ Level 2 Awards Food Hygiene
- ◆ Level 2 Awards Health & Safety at work
- ◆ Tai Chi
- ◆ NCFE level 3 Floristry
- ◆ ICT – beginners and CLAIT
- ◆ Clothes making
- ◆ Digital Camera

We have also introduced some new courses this year:

- ◆ Creative writing
- ◆ English for every day communication
- ◆ Introduction to catering
- ◆ ICT Skills for Employability
- ◆ Keep fit to music
- ◆ Small animal care

As well as the success of the learners, we should also applaud the work of the tutors. This year we have had 26 AECB tutors teaching a variety of courses in the community at 12 different centres across 4 Bexley wards.



Well done to everyone who has participated in the project this year and we look forward to continuing the good work in September.

Jas Dhillon

Skills for Jobs

This year we had extra funding to deliver a range course to equip learners with Skills for Jobs.

Under this part of the project we have offered Level 2 Certificates in:

- First Aid
- Food Hygiene
- Health and Safety at Work
- ICT Skills for employability

Learners have also been progressed from BTEC Hairstyling to NVQ Level 1 Hairdressing.

These courses have been run across the borough at various outreach venues.

The courses were all very popular, but we had the highest demand for ICT Skills for Employability. We worked in Partnership with London and Quadrant, Riverside Housing. Jane Wiseman of Riverside Housing applied for funding to purchase Laptops and London Quadrant provided us with Saxon Walk Community Rooms to deliver ICT Skills for Employability. We have programmed ICT Skills for Employability at Saxon Walk, Howbury and Southlake.

The learners on these ICT course had a lot to say about their experiences.



Ernel (Howbury)

'The course has offered me the opportunity to enhance my computer skills, job interview techniques and customer service skills. This course has increased my confidence, improved my competence and ability to find employment. All these skills helped me in getting a job offer as a Library assistant.'

As mothers we have found this course has improved our IT knowledge

Tracy and Jane (Howbury)



' I had no knowledge of computers and now I am able to operate a computer and I'm not afraid to try.'

Peter my son who is home-tutored also attended the course and this has encouraged him to attend a CLAIT course at Alma Road . He has now completed unit 1 of CLAIT and will continue to complete all the units. He is also hoping to study for his GCSEs with the college.

Julie and Peter Robinson (Saxon walk)

I have found this course very interesting an am amazed how much technology has moved forward since I last worked in an office

Darylle (Howbury)

Tai Chi

The Tai Chi courses are new to the NL project this year, but they have proved amazingly successful.

'after enrolling onto the Tai Chi course in September we have encouraged other local residents to join and now we have two sessions with 30 people attending.



*Woolwich Town Hall during **International Women's Week***

***Eltham Leisure Centre** to promote living well.*

Since September 2007 we have done demonstrations at a number of events including:



***The 02** for the Chinese New Year celebrations*

*We have now become a voluntary group known as **Tai Chi Healthy Group** and we are applying for funding to continue Tai Chi and encourage other people to join and to stay healthy'.*

Health Trainer Project

Health Trainer Project – City and Guild level 3 Certificate for Health Trainers

There has been an excellent response to our promotion of the Certificate for Health Trainers course. We had 20 learners enrol on the first health trainer taster day which was held on 9 June and as it was so popular another has been planned for 3 July. Those who attended the first taster day have now enrolled for the City and Guilds Level 3 Certificate which is starting in September 2008.

On successful completion of the course learners will be offered voluntary opportunities or paid employment as a Health Trainer within the community.



If you would like to find out more about the course and join the next taster day at Southlake in July then contact Jas 01322 552561 or Sharon 0208 320 6386

The course will provide learners with the skills and knowledge required to become a qualified Health Trainer accredited by the NHS.



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Keep Fit to Music

Razzmatazz comes to North Cray

'We joined the course after seeing it promoted at the Neighbourhood Centre, the course has been a fun way to keep fit, make new friends and we have also learnt a dance routine. We will be performing our routine at the North Cray Neighbourhood Centre launch day on 12th of July '

Catering



'I have learnt a lot of new skills and techniques for cooking traditional English dishes, that is making soups, bread, stews, cakes and pastries. I have also passed Level 2 Food Hygiene and Health & Safety at work which has helped me with my job.'



Kelvin

Introduction to Catering

Kelvin is just one of our learners benefitting from the new Catering unit at Crayford Manor House. Much of the additional equipment required for the catering room was funded by Neighbourhood Learning.

Hairdressing

'I joined the BTEC Hairstyling course, this gave me the skills to find part-time employment in a Salon at Darenth Valley Hospital. They have now offered to extend my hours so I am going to continue to the next level which is NVQ 2 in hairdressing'

The project has supported the learners on BTEC to progress to NVQ1 and NVQ2 Hairdressing.

