

Vince Cable MP visits Wishes



The Rt Hon Dr. Vince Cable MP met with Wishes learners on Friday 26th August. He was very interested to hear about the programme and how it supports families in Richmond

Dr Cable, who is also Secretary of State for Business and Skills, was impressed by our learners' stories and their high levels of motivation.

One learner said "Wishes changed my life"; another said "I want to do something that makes a difference"

Wishes – getting it right for you?

More than 90 people have been in touch with Wishes and 65 are fully enrolled. Nearly all are parents with, between them, 141 children. They come from all parts of Richmond Borough.

Between February and August, 32 Wishes learners have enrolled on a short or long course, the majority at Richmond Adult Community College, but others at West Thames College, Kingston Adult Education College and Hillcroft College.

In September, 16 learners enrolled in courses and overall, to date, at least 10 have achieved a qualification and 17 are volunteering in the community.

We want to ensure that everyone achieves their wishes and we are contacting everyone on the project as part of an evaluation – of teaching and learning and whether the support offered is the right type.

In the next couple of weeks we will be in touch by telephone, asking for your help with evaluating the project – and finding out what has worked best for you and what further help might be needed. It will only take ten minutes of your time.

Or we can do the interview face to face and if you would prefer this, contact your mentor, or Tina on 079855 95221 or Lynn on 0784 337 8958

Get credit for what you can do

If you already have skills in English and Maths or are working to improve your skills, you can gain a free national qualification by taking and passing a short test.

Tina is organising a test day for Wishes learners with coffee, socialising with other learners – and the opportunity to gain a qualification in English or Maths for what you can already do.

She will be contacting everyone once a date is set, but if you would like to take part, ring Tina on 079855 95221



Post box

Why not write something about your experiences of learning for the Newsletter?

Nicole Harding, who took the photograph with Vince Cable MP, writes

Hi my name is Nicole and I am 25 yrs old and a mother of 4 children and am doing photography. I passed BTech Level 2 and am now doing Studio Light. I love learning and learning about something I'm interested in.

Wishes has made my life so happy and a better future for my family. They also helped me with funding for my camera which I would never have been able to buy myself. They would try to help in any way possible.

People can trust and can talk to them about any issues they might have. So I would like to say a big thank you to Wishes and Robert Henderson and Andrew's camera shop in Teddington. And keep on the good work. Thanks again.

Regards
Nicole x

Courses at Richmond

Some RACC courses starting in November:

Cookery Asian Taste Experience- 5 weeks

Employment Skills – 5 weeks

Interview skills- 1 day

Deaf Awareness and Communication -5 weeks

Excel Essentials - 1 day

Cookery Taste of the Sea – 1 day

For more information about costs, dates and times, contact Tina on 079855 95221 or Lynn on 0784 337 8958.

Stop Press: Meet the Fairy Jobmother!

On Tuesday 1st November, Richmond Housing Partnership is holding a free event at York House in Twickenham, to help local people find training opportunities and increase their chance of employment.

Wishes will be there along with a range of other training organisations and there will be skills workshops and question and answer sessions.

Channel 4's 'Fairy Jobmother' Hayley Taylor will also be there to offer encouragement.

For more information, please contact the RHP Communications team at one event@rhp.org.uk or call 0800 0322433.



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