

# SKILLS 4 COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER

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## LAIMA'S SUCCESS!

Laima came to S4C and joined the Supporting Families Programme. She was struggling financially due to benefit issues and felt very depressed. She also needed to improve her English language skills if she was to gain work. Her tutor reassured her and she successfully completed her ESOL course. Laima also received lessons on employability skills and interview techniques before her tutor arranged an interview at The Mercure Hotel. Laima was successful! Now that she is working, her happiness has returned as she is able to financially support herself and her family. She said that she feels S4C have truly delivered all the skills both her and the employer require.

Well done Laima!



## WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of the Skills4Communities Newsletter. Skills4Communities is a hub of information, support and guidance. We welcome new members and open our door to individuals, families, and business users and invite everyone to stay updated on what's happening here.

Last month we held our celebration of global cultures event and also launched the the new Mary T Collections, a clothing brand inspired by Africa, Asia & Europe. Staff from our sewing and fashion department designed and created the new clothing range which was showcased at the event. In addition to the fashion show the event also had music and dance acts from around the world along with international food being served. We received support from the staff at Affinity Hair Spa who looked after all our models, giving them great hair styles.

All bespoke items are available to purchase online or by calling into the office and can be made to required sizes and designs.

[www.marytcollections.com](http://www.marytcollections.com)

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*“Now I am working and my happiness has come back as I am able to financially support myself and my family” – Laima*

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We deliver the Supporting Families Programme in partnership with Hull City Council and this assists individuals and their family members to complete training and move into sustainable employment. This is going from strength to strength. Over the last 5 months our experienced keyworkers and tutors, along with their administration colleagues have helped over 270 people to complete training modules including English, Maths, ICT, ESOL, Employability Skills, Food Hygiene, Health & Safety, Fire Awareness, Sewing Skills and Work Experience with 20 of them also moving into employment.

If you are claiming benefits and are looking for work or training call in and see how we can help you.



Skills 4 Communities food collection

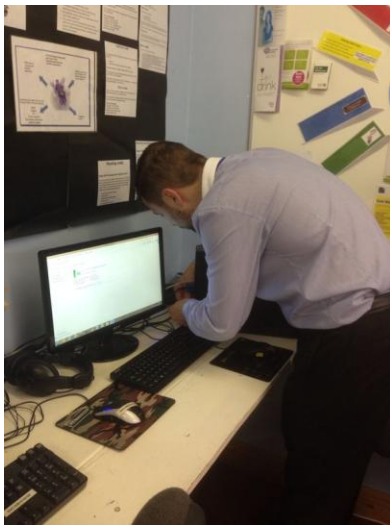
## MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

We welcomed two new members of staff to our team during August. Sarah our new Business Development Officer will be based full time in our Hull Office assisting with the future development of the organization, and Sophie our Apprentice Administrator will work and train full time at our Beverley Office. Both will be valuable to our already dedicated team and we all look forward to working with them.

## HULL FOOD BANK

We have recently teamed up with the Hull Food Bank to be able to issue food vouchers to the increasing number of Hull residents who are in financial difficulty and unable to afford to feed themselves and their families. The Hull Food Bank is a food provision across the city of Hull to provide short-term, crisis food support.

Some of our staff have also kindly cleared out their kitchen cupboards and had a collection of food which has been donated to the Food Bank.



## FEEDBACK

Customer feedback is very important to us.

Recently many of you told us that our computers in one of our training rooms were getting a bit old and slow. We have listened to your suggestions and are pleased to let you know that there will be soon be six brand new computers for everyone to use. This will make the IT training sessions more enjoyable and make jobsearching much faster. The computers are currently being installed by Mariusz, our IT expert, and should be ready to use by the end of the month.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our services please let us know by getting in touch at the details below.

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