

Thurrock Learning Partnership



Woodlands Pre-School Learning Community

It is still true that, in most cases, the academic achievement of the child is directly related to the academic achievement of the mother, which is why it is so important that all parents have the opportunity to achieve their potential. Parents and staff at Woodlands Pre School, together with the surrounding community, are acting as good role models for Purfleet children with their enthusiasm to return to learning.



Maureen Wilcox, Manager of Thurrock Learning Partnership, said: "A wonderful learning community is developing at Woodlands. We started with two TAPs (Technology Access Points) at Woodlands Pre-School as part of our Community UK Online project. Thanks to the support of Jackie Turner and her team and a sensitive and caring tutor, from a small acorn an oak is growing. There are now five CLAIT (Computer Literacy and Information Technology) classes running in the small room above the Pre-School with parents, staff and members of the community attending and showing an interest in a range of learning opportunities and all supporting one another. The gentle one-to-one support we were able to offer to start with using the two TAPs was just what was needed to build confidence."

Diana Hale, Principal of Thurrock Adult Community College said: "I was delighted when this community project, which we all supported, reached the stage where our College could run accredited programmes. I am very proud of everyone involved."



It is very convenient as it is so close to home and fits in very well with school hours

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I can work at my own pace
qualification in computer
having fun in learning
computer*

Since leaving work 6 years ago I have not used a computer, so I am finding this course useful as a refresher and confidence builder

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I find this course very rewarding and it has made me realise that age is immaterial to learning new things.

Before I started this course I couldn't turn a computer on.



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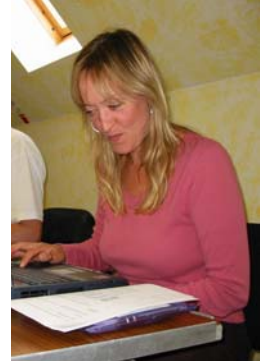
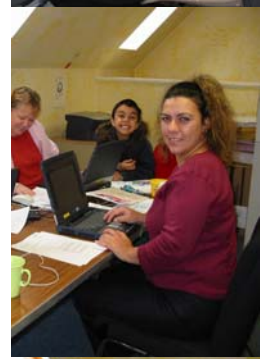
The atmosphere in class is relaxed and easy going and I'm learning at my own pace

Thanks to the patience of our tutor I believe we are all learning so much from this course.

learn with other people in the community.

The quality of teaching I have been receiving is excellent

The course is free which makes it available for everyone and therefore benefits the community as a whole. There is nothing else close by of a similar nature.



Thurrock Learning Partnership's definition of a Learning Community

A Learning Community is:

- v an inclusive community where people and organisations provide mutual support to help each other learn
- v an aspiring and ambitious community where people are motivated, increasing their sense of success as ever more members achieve the skills and qualifications they need for quality of life and fulfilling employment
- v able to benefit from, and contribute to a thriving economy.



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- Thurrock District Association of Industries
- Thurrock Libraries and Cultural Services
- Thurrock Primary Care Trust
- Thurrock Youth and Play Service