

Press Release

Good news if you want to learn in Thurrock. Thurrock Learning Partnership asked some really gritty questions of over 1000 (19+ age group) people learning on over 400 courses in Thurrock. They're the tops say 90% who could find absolutely nothing to dislike about the courses they were on. Some typical comments were:

"Good standards of teaching and a friendly environment"

"Am learning at own pace and do not feel pressurised"

"Structured well organised sessions"

"Teaching is at my level and is taught with many years of experience which is conveyed to the class."

"The Teacher has constant enthusiasm and a great deal of knowledge to share"

"Good classroom atmosphere"

"... Gain Feelings of achievement and growing confidence"

It is a real benefit "being able to utilise my learning in the work situation"

It is good "learning new skills and knowledge while doing something enjoyable"

The overwhelming majority would not change anything about the way they are being taught and are ready to sign up again.

Maureen Wilcox, Manager of Thurrock Learning Partnership, which includes some 15 local organisations, was delighted at the result as were the Principals of local colleges when they heard the results of the survey. All the colleges

have a continuing programme for quality improvement and are keen to ensure the best possible service.

However, what some people would like is more local provision in their part of Thurrock. The Partnership is looking at ways of achieving this although it is not easy because of the cost. However, Learndirect, the Government's on-line learning scheme with a terrific range of courses, already available at Grays Learning Centre, should be available over the next year at your local library. The Partnership also has funding for a UK Online laptop provision so it can bring I.T. training to a venue near you.

Phone: 0800 101 901 for information on Learndirect and all local courses.