



English improvements

We all need good English and maths in our lives – for everyday things like shopping, for work or to help our children – but in the past some learners at PDTT have prioritised their main courses to the cost of these basic skills.

So, we are pleased to report that learners overall are using our BKSB English, maths & ICT eLearning platform more regularly. Overall use of English resources has increased by at least half with learners using the resources to improve their level of English skills.

Recent lesson observations have also mentioned the good use of materials to support English language, such as learners reading in class, use of key words or subject terminology and learners being well prepared for learning and taking notes during the sessions.

Very well done to the learners for continuing to make good progress with English development and your courses.



Please ask the Support Workers where applicable to continue to support you with using the eLearning BKSB platform. When you are ready you can undertake the Progress Checks too for each module to test your knowledge to see how far you have come since you started the course.

CASE IN POINT

Loodprisudiya Sureshkumar - known as Lood - has faced many obstacles this year. Yet with the unwavering support and encouragement from her tutor she has successfully completed her Childcare Level 3 course.



"It's been a horrible year, but I am so proud to have finished and completed my diploma. Nasrin gave us her time and supported us all; she was very helpful and I cannot thank her enough. Even my mother says thank you."

Lood moved from Bangladesh to the UK nearly nine years ago when her husband's work brought them here. She has four children, three daughters and one son who is the newest addition to the family, and has always wanted to work with children.

Lood says she felt the resources the tutor provided and way in which subject matter was explained made everything very clear and easy to understand. She felt the learning environment was calm, friendly and supportive throughout her course.

Lood first heard about PDT while she was on a work placement at a nursery and a colleague there recommended she study at PDT. **"I studied my Level 2 with another college, but I didn't enjoy it so much as they rushed us and made us work fast, fast, fast!"**

"I am so grateful to Nasrin and PDT, as I was so scared about completing this course after my experience with the Level 2. But this time it was different, it was much nicer. I studied online, and I would



like to do face-to-face learning as it would be more fun, but I made friends on the course and felt close to them too and we supported one another."

In the future, Lood says her ambition is to be a teacher in a primary school and aims to study further at university to achieve this. However, for the time being her focus is on her daughters and baby son.



LEARNER FEEDBACK

"I learned a lot and improved my vocabulary, English is my third language and I've only been in UK for 1 year. I can now think in English and it helps me to structure my language. The tutor was great and gave good advice, and helped my confidence lots."

"It has improved my knowledge and given me more knowledge. I got employment through my work experience and am still there now. I love it and am so happy. I didn't think I could do the course, but I did!"

"I found the learning and experience with PDT was very, very good. It gave me so much confidence in myself. It was an important course for me and for my life."

"The content was fantastic, I like technical things, so I found it really interesting. The teaching was flexible, clear and to the point, we learnt technical words, and I enjoyed being online."



If you have any compliments and/or complaints, and wish to get in touch with PDTT, please do contact:

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Disappointing news

As we explained in our last newsletter, PDT has to bid every few years to see if it will be funded again for the future – money that would come from London's Adult Education Budget. It's always a worrying time as training organisations have to compete against each other. In some cases, if an organisation does not get funding, it may have to close, and the staff may lose their jobs.

Sadly, PDT was not selected this time round. There were huge numbers of applicants and not everyone can win.

So, is this the end of PDT Training? No! Not at all.

We have found other sources of funding, although they are much smaller and we will continue to bid to new funders. In the meantime, though we have had to make cuts, and this is never easy.

Our overriding thought was 'how can we make these cuts without stopping our popular courses?' Well, we have managed to do that in the new plan. There will be fewer groups than before, and some staff will be working fewer hours but the curriculum offer will remain largely the same in terms of the types of courses available.

"We have been here before," says Training Manager Hoss Malek, **"and we kept going and grew back again over time and we intend to do the same this time."**

Courses we currently offer



- **Childcare** Level 2
- **Childcare** Level 3
- **Childcare** Level 4
- **Supported Teaching & Learning** Level 3
- **IT** Level 3

Safeguarding:

If something is not feeling right to you or you have concerns about someone close to you, let us know. Issues that can come under safeguarding are: abuse (sexual, financial etc), bullying, sexual harassment, radicalisation (people being drawn into beliefs that can be a danger to themselves or others), grooming, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM).

PDTT has safeguarding officers who will know how to support you.

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