

Lessons for Grown Ups By Linda Stone

Education isn't just for the young

To lead fulfilling lives, adults need to continue to grow and develop, learning new skills and enhancing existing ones. Adult education can help parents enhance employment prospects, indulge a passion, satisfy a budding interest or enhance the education of their children.

Parents, Jacquie and Matt wanted to learn something new together. "We'd hardly done anything together since having children," said Jacquie. "We were looking for something fun that would give us couple time too." They opted for a Ballroom and Latin American Dance course at Molesey Adult Learning Centre. "In just 10 weeks we learnt the basic steps to the Waltz, Jive and Quick Step," reports Matt. "Wendy, our tutor, is fantastic. Ballroom is really modern and fun – very unlike Come Dancing!" Surrey Adult Learning has an amazing range of courses on offer at centres in Guildford, Farnham, Woking and Camberley," reports Jacquie.

Jenny has also taken a number of courses with Surrey Adult Learning, most recently a Greek language course. "Our family recently bought a holiday home in Crete," she reports. "I realised that learning the language would be invaluable. The course was brilliant. Learning a new alphabet was challenging, but worth the effort in being able to speak the

language abroad. Our tutor injected fun into the classes and helped me gain confidence in conversation." Overall, Jenny reports being "incredibly impressed" with the standard of teaching on Surrey Adult Learning courses.

Adult education also proves vital resources for many local migrant parents.

Rubina Bhatti's Family Learning Course with Surrey Adult Learning literally changed her life and those of her children. "I learnt about the religious and cultural days and festivals celebrated here. I'd been here for 6 years, but I knew nothing of these. I also didn't understand the education system or how to enter working life. Now I can talk to people about these topics." When the Bhatti family began the course, Rubina's youngest son, Sulaiman, had a speech difficulty and very low confidence. "When we started learning together, everybody noticed subtle changes in him," reports Rubina. "To enhance his learning, I showed him the different websites our course teacher had shown me. Recently he got a Head Teacher Award for his phonics work! I also helped my middle son prepare for the test which got him a place at Reigate Grammar School. I've been able to help my kids succeed mainly through the knowledge and confidence I got from this course."



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Lyndie's Story

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It was this time last year that Lyndie was first introduced to "Moms Making Six Figures" by her friend, Angie. She was living with her family in San Diego, California at the time and she was a stay at home



Lyndie with Olivia and Nico

Mum to her two children - Olivia and Nico. Lyndie says 'with both children nearing school age I had started thinking about my "next step". I was eager to find a way to return to the workplace, re-establish a career and a sense of independence but I also wanted to be able to do that whilst prioritising family time. I really wasn't sure that such a possibility existed but am happy to say that one day my friend, Angie, shared with me how she had been able to do just that. One year later and I have a growing business in California and am now excited to be expanding back

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