

The Project: Lambeth Women's Workshop Ltd



Photo, left: Frankie

What's the Project all about?

Lambeth Women's Workshop Ltd was established in 1980. It is a charity and a voluntary organisation which provides high quality vocational training for un-employed women. The Workshop also provides support measures to the beneficiaries including:

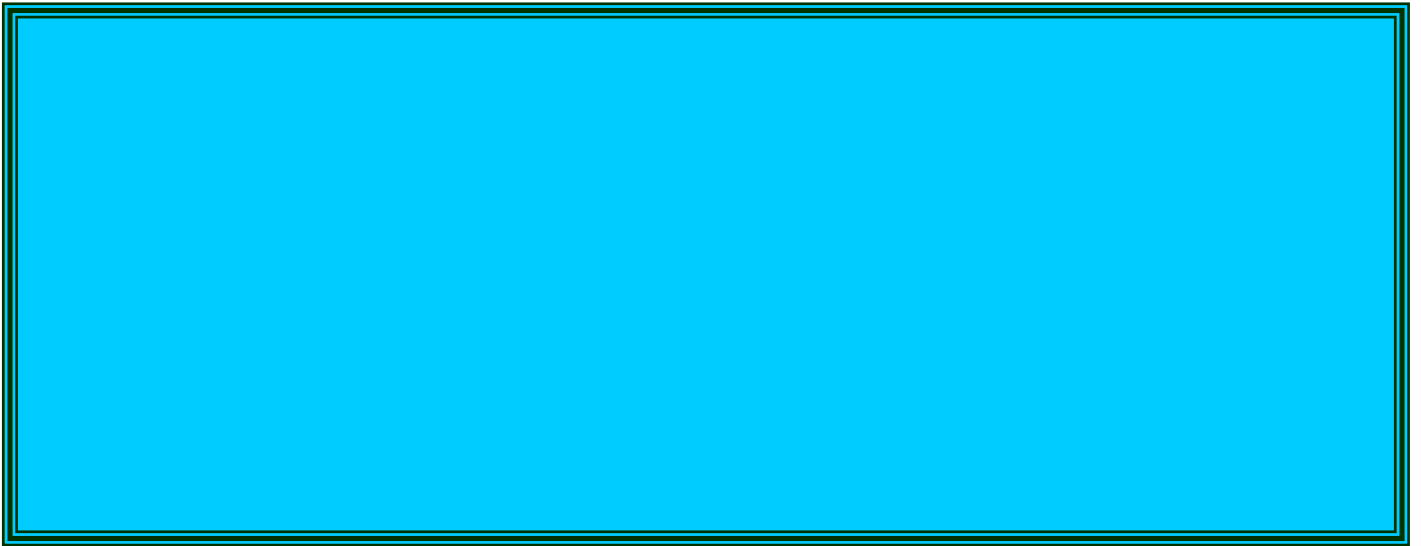
- ✓ English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL)
- ✓ Literacy
- ✓ Numeracy
- ✓ Vocational Guidance
- ✓ Core Skills
- ✓ Health and Safety
- ✓ First Aid
- ✓ Job search skills and assertiveness
- ✓ Counselling

The project targets unemployed women facing multiple barriers including women from ethnic minorities, lesbians, women with little or no formal education, older women, and ex-offenders.

Currently the project has been granted funding for 260 beneficiaries, all of whom have been offered NVQ training in construction. Statistics show that 75 per cent of trainees move into further education or employment.

Facts and Figures

- Seventy-five beneficiaries receive one to one support
- Seventy-five beneficiaries have achieved or are working towards achieving NVQ units or full NVQ accreditation.
- Sixty-six beneficiaries are achieving other certification.
- Sixteen beneficiaries are progressing to further construction training at NVQ Level 2/ICA.
- Thirty-three beneficiaries are progressing into mainstream learning.
- Eighteen beneficiaries are becoming employed / self-employed.



Photo, left to right: Elaine, Jeanette and tutor Michelle



Photo, left to right: Samantha and Rachel

“I enjoy coming here mixing with people with similar ideas, once qualified I would like to be a carpenter fitting kitchens. Since I have been here I have gained my NVQ Level 1 in Carpentry and Joinery” – Jeanette

“The interesting part is seeing what you make at the end of it, everyone has their different reasons for coming I hope to have better prospects to get me a job” - Samantha

“Coming to Lambeth Women’s Workshops is the only workshop that offers this kind of thing, it has given me confidence and a sense of purpose” - Rachel

“I was in publishing for 12 years and loved it but didn’t want to be office bound – I loved the idea of working with wood. Coming here gives me a sense of purpose; I have already got an NVQ Level 1 and will be staying on to do my Level 2. My confidence has grown since being here which helps as I also do a lot a voluntary work for a building charity” - Manila



Photo, left to right: Eusabia and Manila.

- The project has been granted £289,919 of European Social Funding under Objective Three (Measure 5.1 - Improving Women’s Access to Learning and Employment).
- The funding has come through London Central Learning and Skills Council (a co-financer for ESF).
- The project is due to run until the end of 2004.

Further Information: Getting Involved

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