

The Tamil Refugee Training and Education Centre



The Project manager along with the teachers in one of the two IT Suites.



One of the teachers with an eager group of students!

What's the Project all about?

The Tamil Refugee Training and Education Centre (TR TEC) were established in order to meet the training and employment needs of Tamil refugees (from Sri Lanka), which are supported by the European Social Fund.

All of the refugees do not have the most needed IT skills and qualifications that are recognised in the UK and they also lack greatly in verbal and written skills in English. The Project aims to facilitate integration as fully-fledged citizens into the normal British working life, of a deprived people who are at risk of exclusion from the labour market as well as society as a whole. The main objective is to train and educate the disadvantaged beneficiaries to improve their job prospects by being able to compete more effectively for jobs or to take up further training opportunities.

What has been achieved?

TR TEC was established in London in 1991. Since then, it has been growing and has become a very worthwhile and essential project for the Tamils in London. Up until 2001, TR TEC has trained 1,879 people in IT and English language. Apart from that TR TEC offers advice, guidance and assistance on job search and finding places for further training/education.

TR TEC provides a friendly and sympathetic atmosphere for the Tamil refugees, thus enabling them to recover from distress and hardship that they had experienced from the traumatic situation in their home country.



One of the current benefiting students, Mrs Erin Silviya Lenin, is currently studying for her City and Guilds level 1 in maths, English and IT skills. Erin said that the TR TEC project has helped with her English and IT skills greatly, especially with her written and excel skills, all this in a helpful and friendly atmosphere. Due to the improvement in her IT skills Erin would like to go on to work in the area of accounts.



Mrs Jeyanthi Pushpanathan, who is also studying for the above course, said that TR TEC train people very thoroughly, helping her with her excel skills, in turn deciding that she would like a career that involved spreadsheets. She said that the project also provides a careers advisor, which she felt was important in the process of finding a job. One of the important skills she has learnt was to communicate better with her peers, which has made her happy.

Further Information: Getting Involved

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