

Our Newham Learning & Skills Learner Newsletter



Learner Bulletin

Update from the Head of Service - Jaspal Dhaliwal



Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and refreshing half-term break. It's been an exciting time, filled with fantastic achievements and valuable learning experiences. Our Biodiversity group celebrated their graduation, receiving certificates from the Mayor in recognition of their hard work. We also marked a milestone with our first-ever Amazon Re/Start graduation ceremony with the Mayor in attendance to celebrate our learners' success. Additionally, Barclays visited our site to deliver an important session on fraud and scams, equipping learners with essential financial awareness.

This week also marks National Careers Week (NCW) which is an excellent opportunity to gain inspiration and practical advice for your future.

Read on to find out more about these incredible events and everything else happening!

Jaspal Dhaliwal

Head of Our Newham Learning & Skills

Important Dates

Spring Term 2025: Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April 2025

Upcoming themes

- **National Careers Week:** Monday 3rd March 2025
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Upcoming Exams

We have a number of exams taking place over the next couple of weeks.

- ESOL Exams - Monday 10th March

For information regarding exam dates please [email our MIS and Exams team](#).

Upcoming Events

- Barclay's session on Female Founders – Friday 7th March 2025- Priory Park Centre 1-2pm.
 - ELBA CV writing Workshop – Tuesday 18th March 2025- Beckton Globe 10-11:30am
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National Careers Week

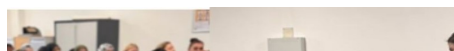
National Careers Week (NCW) is an annual event dedicated to empowering individuals with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed career choices. NCW aims to highlight the wide range of career opportunities available, providing guidance learners, job seekers, and professionals looking to advance in their fields.

Through a variety of workshops, events and online resources, National Careers Week connects individuals with industry experts, employers and career advisors. It serves as a valuable platform for exploring different career paths, understanding job market trends, and gaining insights into skills development and employability.

A variety of activities are taking place to mark the occasion. We encourage you to participate in the Virtual Careers Fair, where you can explore career opportunities, connect with industry professionals, and gain valuable insights.

Find out more here: [National Careers Week 2025](#)

Wrap up of this month's activities



Barclays Event- Fraud and Scams

On 11th February, we hosted an insightful Fraud and Scams Awareness event at Beckton Globe, welcoming a diverse group of learners including Early Years, Functional English and ESOL learners. The session was designed to equip attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to recognise fraudulent activities and stay safe in an increasingly digital world.

Delivered by experienced colleagues from Barclays, the session provided invaluable guidance on identifying scams, protecting personal information and minimising online risks. Over 30 learners actively engaged in discussions and practical activities aimed at enhancing their awareness of common scams and fraud tactics.

The event highlighted crucial topics such as how to spot a scam, safeguarding personal data and best practices for online security. One attendee shared their appreciation, stating, *"I am grateful to the Barclays team for providing us with such valuable information. Having previously fallen victim to a scam, I now feel more confident in protecting myself and offering guidance to others."* - Rawdah



Biodiversity Graduation Ceremony

On Monday, 24th February, our Biodiversity group came together to celebrate their incredible achievements, marking the completion of a range of courses including 'Newham Nature Connect', 'Biodiversity Matters' and 'Sustainability for Every day'.

To mark this special occasion, we were joined by colleagues from Lendlease, the RES Programme, and the Mayor at the Everyman in Stratford. The highlight of the event was the awards ceremony where learners received their well-earned certificates presented by the Mayor in recognition of their dedication and hard work.

Following the ceremony the group explored the garden, appreciating the very essence of what they had been learning about throughout their courses. It was a moment of pride and reflection, capturing the impact of their journey. As one of our learners, Spars, shared: *"I feel very happy I've completed another course where I can apply the skills and knowledge learnt into every day."*



This event not only celebrated the learners' achievements but also reinforced the importance of biodiversity and sustainability in our everyday lives. A huge congratulations to everyone involved!

Celebrating Milestones: AWS re/Start Graduation Ceremony Marks a New Chapter for Female Cloud Professionals.

On Friday, 28 February 2025, we celebrated a major milestone—the graduation of our first AWS re/Start cohort! The event, held in Beckton Globe, brought together staff from the London Borough of Newham (LBN), Prime Talent colleagues, and proud graduates. The Mayor was also in attendance to present certificates and recognise the achievements of our learners.



AWS re/Start is a free training programme that helps unemployed or underemployed individuals start careers in cloud computing. No previous tech experience is needed, making it accessible to people from all backgrounds. This special cohort of female learners marks an important step towards greater diversity in the tech industry.

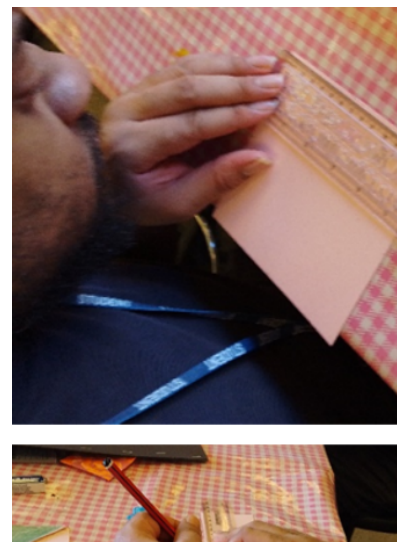
During the ceremony, LBN officials and Prime Talent representatives spoke about the growing importance of cloud computing and the impact of AWS skills. The Mayor then presented certificates, celebrating the hard work and dedication of each graduate.

This graduation is just the beginning. With their new skills, our graduates are ready to launch exciting careers in tech. Their journey is an inspiration, proving that opportunities in cloud computing are open to everyone. Congratulations to all!

Inclusive Learning Creations

In celebration of National Reading Month in March, our Inclusive Learners have embarked on an exciting, hands-on journey to showcase their amazing talents in paper modelling. This initiative highlights their creativity and blends learning with fun as our learners create stunning handmade bookmarks.

This activity is more than just crafting—it's an opportunity to develop fine motor skills while exploring key mathematical concepts. Our learners practise measurement, symmetry and spatial awareness by



measurements, symmetry and spatial awareness by designing and making bookmarks while unleashing their artistic potential.

Why not support our Inclusive Learning team on 7th March in their pop up shop at Forest Gate Learning Zone.



Learner Voice

Our **Learner Voice survey** is now live. The theme of the survey this term is on health and well-being. There are also three questions about safeguarding. We would like to receive comments and views from as many learners as possible Please scan the QR code to submit your responses.



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