

TTA NEWSLETTER



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Ofsted Monitoring Visit

Our most recent Ofsted Monitoring Inspection took place in January 2020 and was a very positive affirmation of TTA and its work. We are delighted to share that our Inspector recognised the success of Templegate Training Academy CIC and believes that we have demonstrated sufficient improvement and practice to suggest that we may move up a grade, to 'outstanding', at our next Ofsted inspection.

“Staff have nurtured strong links with local support agencies and benefited from extensive and timely support from the local police and safeguarding team within the council.”

“Learners feel very welcome, respected and safe. Background checks on staff are thorough. Staff are very aware of the vulnerable adults they teach due to the language barrier. They provide extensive support and refer to relevant agencies.”

OUR VISION:

To work together to create a better future for local people through training and education and to deliver an outstanding learner experience. To ensure that we offer inclusive and supportive lifelong learning for all local people and placing people and communities at the centre of our values and practice.

TTA – A Brief Introduction:

Templegate Training Academy CIC (TTA) is a not-for-profit training organisation that delivers training to adult learners. Based in a community venue attached to a temple in Bilston, TTA delivers learning, mainly in functional skills, to minority ethnic learners. Most of them have either recently arrived in the UK or are of Eastern European heritage. Additionally, TTA delivers learning in Bristol, which is funded by the West of England mayoral authority. TTA is funded by the Educational and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to provide advanced learner loans and adult education budget programme.

TTA is accredited by UK awarding bodies including: TQ (UK), Open Awards and Learning Resource Network (LRN), and offering:

- Functional Skills (English and Maths) Entry 1 to Level 2
- Diploma in Business Administration – Level 2 & 3
- Diploma in Digital Enterprise – Level 3





TTA Annual Award Ceremony:

TTA hosted a celebration event for learners to celebrate their academic achievements for 2020 at the Wolverhampton site. TTA experienced a success rate of 100% who achieved their Functional Skills qualifications ranging from Entry 1 to Level 1, and Diploma in Business Administration, Diploma in Business Enterprises and Diploma in Business Management.

Learners were surprised as the Mayor and consort Dr Paul Darke of Wolverhampton were invited to join our event. Learners enjoyed having the Mayor hand them their certificates.

Mayor commented *“You must recognize the hard work you have put in and also be very proud of yourselves for the hard work to achieve these certificates today.”*

“Congratulations to teachers and the center for this lovely event allowing you to share these achievements with family and the community.”

Learners commented *“We felt honored to be handed our certificates from the Mayor of Wolverhampton and share this with the community”*

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and helped make the event such a success.

I was really pleased to get my qualification and can show my family my achievement. I want to carry on studying at TTA Manjit Kaur





TTA Launches New Qualification

TTA has expanded its courses and is now start offering:

- Level 3 Diploma in Adult Care.



TTA have now joined Nextdoor to keep updated with local community activities and changes.



Staff are working with local agencies to promote awareness of modern slavery. Information is displayed in Bilston Centre.



Student Progression

35 learners who completed their courses recently, 22 learners were on a functional skills program at our Bristol Centre at entry levels to level 1 and 13 learners completed Level 3 in Digital Entrepreneurship.

“TTA is like a family, you always feel welcome when you are in the buildings. TTA has allowed me to step out of my comfort at home and get an education, I am now helping other women in the community to begin courses and build their confidence like I did”



Maintaining the Matrix Standard

TTA has managed to maintain the Matrix Standard into the second year and Matrix Standard officer was very satisfied from the progress TTA is making and commented as below:

“Templegate are using the Ofsted report in a very positive way and given the improvements made Templegate is judged to be maintaining the matrix Standard”

TTA Partnership working

TTA is creating new partnerships in the community to not only help the learners to progress into work experiences but to also help other member in our community by working together with businesses. Connections have been made with local businesses to build up partnership work within Bilston, some of these partnerships include:

- Jumping Jos Day Nursery
- Job Centre
- St Lenard’s Church
- Local nursing homes
- Local library
- Bilston College

Safeguarding and Prevent Update

TTA has appointed new Safeguarding Lead and Health and Safety officer and the TTA team is working very closely with Prevent and Cohesion Officer Deborah Smith to ensure we are updated with legislation changes as well as training. Staff have completed training with Debbie around Prevent, Safeguarding, Modern Slavery and others.

Debbie attended our Award Ceremony as had this to say “I have been involved with the center now for a few months and I believe the students are lucky to have somewhere like this to come to. The staff are amazing and thoughtful and I miss coming to the center as often as I used to”.

