

Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and managed to spend some quality time with your family and friends. On behalf of all the RCLC staff we would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome for the start of the new academic year, in particular to all new students.

With everyone settled into their classes, including children in the creche, we would like to update you on some important recent and upcoming events. This newsletter will also include information about next term core programme and additional courses offered outside RCLC.

Research project - the needs of ethnic minority women in Reading

The University of Reading and Reading Community Learning Centre has completed joint research into the needs of ethnic minority women living in Reading. The main aim of the research was to review *how well* RCLC is meeting those needs. The study included questionnaire-based interviews with 114 ethnic minority women (over 70% from outside of RCLC); interviews with representatives of seven organizations serving vulnerable communities in Reading; focus group feedback as well as academic literature. The findings and final report were presented by the researchers at a packed meeting of statutory and voluntary organizations held at RCLC on 19 July, in the presence of the Mayor of Reading. The study clearly affirmed the following key points:

- *Reading Community Learning Centre is meeting a genuine need that is not provided for by other organizations in Reading*
- *RCLC succeeds in providing for the most vulnerable of all ethnic minority women*

The report also identifies ways in which RCLC can develop its social integration work by collaborating with other organizations and partners, especially involving local volunteers for whom English is their first language, and support the women to develop their future paths into other areas of integration.

If you wish to read a full report please follow the link below:

[RCLC-Report-July-2018.pdf](#)



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CONVERSATION WITH WOMEN

RCLC is very pleased to offer a new opportunity for women to meet, practice their English with a group of native English speakers and share lunch together. These informal meetings will run on Mondays, once a month at Quakers Meeting House from 12 - 2pm.

The next sessions are: 29th Oct 18, 26th Nov 18, 28th Jan 19, 25th Feb 19 & 25th March 19.

For more information please speak to RCLC staff.



AUTUMN KEY DATES

Tue 25th Sept & Wed 26th Sept - Talk by Elina Zandersone & Simran on being a volunteer for Royal Voluntary Service

Tue 9th Oct at 11.15am - visit to Swallowfield Coffee Club to practice English

Thurs 11th Oct & 15th Nov - visit from Grace Keal, Reading Lifeline, Baby loss & Infertility Support Group

Tue 30th Oct - visit to Swallowfield Coffee Club to practice English

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Next MHFA course is set up for **Mon 22nd & Thurs 25th Oct 18** from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Hurry, there are only few spaces left!

ENROLMENT DATES FOR SPRING 19

Mon 5th & Tue 6th Nov 18
from 10am to 2pm

Term starts on Tue 15th Jan 2019

Term ends on Wednesday 27th March 2019

Half term: Mon 18th Feb to Fri 22nd March 2019

SPRING 19 PROGRAMME

ENGLISH CONVERSATION

Beginners:

Tues & Wed 9:30 - 11:30 am

Improvers:

Tues & Wed 12:30-2:30 pm

PRE-ENTRY ENGLISH

Tue 12:30 - 2:30pm

READ & WRITE Beginners:

Wed 12:30 - 2:30 pm

READ & WRITE Improvers:

Wed 9:30- 11:30 pm

Looking good, feeling

good

Wed 12:30-2:30pm

SEWING SKILLS Beginners:

Tue 9:30-11:30 am

SEWING SKILLS Improvers:

Wed 9:30-11:30 am

EMPLOYABILITY

WORKSHOPS

Tue 12:30-2:30 pm

KNITTING CLUB

Wed 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

*All classes offered at
RCLC are for women only*

*EXCEPT for the
Employability course*