



# Autumn 2020 Newsletter

A warm welcome to all the students who have joined RCLC this academic year despite the very unprecedented and challenging time the world is currently facing.

The Centre closed back in March 2020 following the government announcement. This was an incredibly sad day for all our learners, staff and volunteers with a lot of uncertainty ahead of us. The needs of our learners and the importance of learning and socialising became suddenly even more crucial than ever before. The Centre Manager together with trustees worked tirelessly to come up with an alternative plan to continue to provide services to our learners and to adapt to the new situation. All this hard work paid off and by the first week of May, RCLC was offering the majority of its provision online. As well as the online provision, RCLC offered a continuous telephone support and advice to all our existing learners.

In Autumn, the Centre reopened to the public on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Although some of the provision is still being delivered online, there are now a few classes held at the Centre including Sewing Classes, Looking Good Feeling Good and IT. All those classes have a reduced number of learners in order to comply with social distancing. We would like to say a big thank you to all our learners who take the new safety rules and social distancing very seriously. Although the Centre will not be offering its usual services such as external organisation speaker visits, Women's Fundraising event and Cultural exchange visits into the classroom we would like to reassure you that we are still available to provide IAG services to anyone either by face to face appointment (must be pre-booked) or by telephone/video calls.

In addition to our existing core programme, we will be offering ZUMBA online fitness class for BAME women including our existing learners or those on our waiting list. This class is funded by Awards for All in partnership with Sports Works and will run for 22 sessions starting after the half term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. To book a place, please contact Petra Robinson on 07923138681 or send email to [rclcinfo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rclcinfo@yahoo.co.uk).

## NHS TRACK & TRACE

Posters with the Centre's unique NHS's code are now available on the entrance doors as well as in all classrooms. All tutors included the NHS track & test app in their lesson plans so learners fully understand the importance of this tool and how to use it to track the virus.

Please ensure that you upload the NHS app on your phone and scan it when coming to the Centre.

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## Sewing & Beauty courses in Summer 20

Learners who were studying *Sewing Beginners* and *Improvers* as well as *Looking good feeling good* online during the summer 20 term still managed to gain a lot of new skills despite the fact that both courses are very practical and are based on learning through demonstration.



### ENROLMENT DATES FOR SPRING 21 COURSES FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> Nov 20

If you would like to study with us in Spring 21, please call Petra Robinson to make an appointment on 07923 138 681 or send email to: [rclinfo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rclinfo@yahoo.co.uk)

**Term starts on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021**

**Term ends on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Half term: Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

### SPRING 21 PROGRAMME

#### ENGLISH CONVERSATION

**Beginners: (RCLC)**

Tues & Wed 9:30 - 11:30 am

**Improvers: (ZOOM)**

Tues & Wed 12:30-2:30 pm

#### READ & WRITE Beginners:

Wed 1 - 2:20 pm (ZOM)

#### READ & WRITE Improvers:

Wed 9:30- 11:30 am

#### Looking good, feeling good

Tue 12:30-2:30pm (RCLC)

#### SEWING SKILLS Beginners:

Mon 10 - 11:45 am

#### SEWING SKILLS Improvers:

Thurs 10-11:45 am

#### IT for Beginners

Wed 12:30-2:30 pm

#### ESOL FOR EMPLOYABILITY

Wed 9:30-10:50am

*All classes offered at RCLC are for women only EXCEPT for the Employability course*