

ITeC's Citizenship Year

An annual update on Equality, Diversity and Citizenship at the ITeC



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Sign Student of the Year - Rachel Richardson

The ITeC is committed to encouraging the breakdown of gender stereotyping in male and female dominated industries. We were delighted when Rachel Richardson from the ITeC's Sign making course won the Sign Student of the Year. The Sign Industry Awards is, without doubt, the sign industry event of the year. This year an audience of over 320 watched the awards being presented at The Centennial Centre in Birmingham. This was the first time that the Sign Student of the Year award had been awarded.



Rachel is one of the few students nationally to complete the full framework for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Signmaking. This high level qualification includes NVQ Sign Making levels 2 and 3, and level 3 Key Skills in Communication, Application of Number, ICT, Working with Others and Improving & Learning and Performance. Rachel started the course in June 2001 while working for Sapphire Signs as a graphics apprentice. In July 2002 she successfully applied for a position with Strypz, a Hull company who specialise in vehicle liveries. Since joining the company she has progressed to a supervisory position, a major achievement in a male-dominated industry.

Rachel is an ideal role model for young women wanting to pursue Signmaking as a career. There are now several females on the Signmaking course, and hopefully Rachel's achievement will encourage more to apply.



If you want to know more about the Signs course contact Mike Notarantonio or Dale Douglas, the course tutors, on (01482) 325576.



This is the Hull ITeC's first annual update, designed to keep our partners up to date with our activities to promote Equality, Diversity and Citizenship.

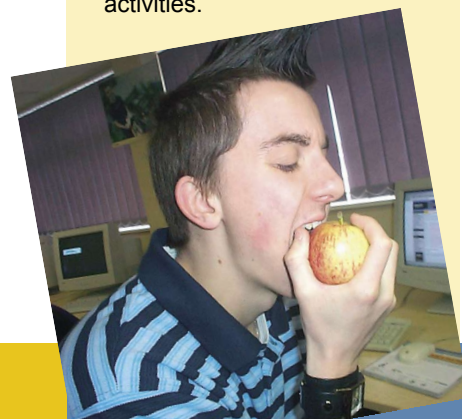
The Hull ITeC is a work-based learning centre, offering apprenticeship training in Business Administration, Information Technology, Sign making, Printing and Catering, along with E2E training and Commercial work.

Everyone connected with the ITeC, staff, management, students and employers, is committed to Equality and Diversity. We owe much of the success of the centre to our celebration of the individuality of our students. In February 2003, HCC Training was awarded a grade 1 in Equal Opportunities by the Adult Learning Inspectorate, a rare honour. We had a mini-inspection this year, and inspectors are happy we are maintaining and developing our high standard in this area.

We hope you enjoy this update. Please contact Fiona Joy on (01482) 325576 for more information or if you have suggestions for future activities.

Fruit promotions

The ITeC has been encouraging its students and staff to eat a more healthy diet by offering free fruit on selected days. In May there was a Free Fruit Week, and baskets of fruit were placed in the training rooms for everyone to help themselves to. There was also a Kiwi Wednesday in June, and a Tangerine Tuesday in July. The scheme has proved very popular, and more fruit promotions are planned.



Citizenship London Trip



In March 2005, six students from the ITeC's Administration and IT courses took part in a Citizenship residential in London.

Shaun Allen, Steve Ashton, Amiirah Elahee, Kayleigh Hudson, Rachael Roberts and Kerry White were accompanied on the trip by Jacky Jordan and Fiona Joy from the ITeC. The group spent two days in London, staying in a central hotel and enjoying a variety of activities. On the first day they took a tour of the Houses of Parliament accompanied by Sally Walters and Jane Davies, who work for the Rt. Hon. Alan Johnson MP. The rest of the afternoon was spent shopping and seeing the sights. In the evening, the group went to see the musical "Fame" in the West End, which everyone found very exciting and inspiring.

The next day, the students attended the "EU...RU?" conference, a full day event designed to promote Citizenship to young people. The day included a Europe rap, comedy sketches, videos and dance, as well as discussions and a speech by Tony Benn, who spent 50 years in Parliament.

This is the first field trip of its kind arranged by the ITeC, and was very successful. Hopefully more events will follow.

ITeC's student representative - Rachel Roberts

Since the London trip, Rachel Roberts has chosen to become more involved in Citizenship, by attending HCC Training working party meetings to advise on issues concerning students. Rachel is very interested in Equality and Diversity, and her support is a big step forward in encouraging participation of students in decision making and planning. Rachel is continuing with her Administration course, but has also applied to become a youth worker.

Competitions & quizzes

There have been several competitions and quizzes during the year, designed to promote understanding of key issues:

- The **Kick it Out** competition was organised to promote the Anti Racism Week of Action in Football. Students submitted posters to promote the event, and five winners received "Let's Kick Racism out of Football" t-shirts, identical to those worn by the England squad in their training sessions. The winners were: Mark Overton, Steven Herbert, Jack Holt, Jason Reville and Mark Wiles.
- The **EU quiz** featured a series of questions about Europe. The winner was Lee James, who won a £20 gift token. There were also two prizes of £5 tokens.
- The **"Tell it Like it is"** quiz was designed to dispel the myths about asylum. To answer the questions, students had to read the Refugee Council's definitive guide to asylum seekers and refugees. The winner of the £20 gift token was David Wood.
- The **"Politics of Food"** quiz was intended to compliment the promotion of healthy eating, and featured two options for entrants, multiple choice questions or a word search. This quiz was very popular, with 75 entries from several HCC Training centres. Prizes were awarded to winners from all participating centres. The ITeC winner was James King, who received a £20 gift token. James felt the government should ensure that healthy food prices are lowered to encourage people to eat more healthily.

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The apprentices had this to say about the trip:
"It helped me find out about the past and present history of Parliament"
- Rachael Roberts
"The tour around the Houses of Parliament was very interesting"
- Shaun Allen
"I enjoyed seeing the sights such as the London Eye and Big Ben"
- Kayleigh Hudson
"I enjoyed riding the tube because you can get where you want quickly"
- Steve Ashton
"I really enjoyed going to see Fame"
- Amiirah Elahee



Filey Residential

In September the ITeC joined forces with Hull Youth Service and HYA Training to organise a residential trip to the Muston Grange centre in Filey. Muston Grange is a large, self-contained accommodation centre in a rural setting on the outskirts of Filey.

The main aim of the residential was to participate in a Citizenship art workshop, but there was plenty of opportunity for team-building as well. This included walking to Filey, fish and chips, a group evening meal, and the chance to participate in group sports like cricket and rounders. 21 people took part in the residential, 14 students and 5 staff. The ITeC sent six students and two staff: Craig Kember and Joe Green from the Signs course, Lee Stansfield and Lian Rowan from IT, Lisa Cooper and Rebecca Linford from the E2E programme, along with manager Jacky Jordan and staff member Fiona Joy.

The art workshop was run by a professional artist who set the group the task of producing a mask to represent their feelings about Citizenship. The finished work will be submitted to the LSDA to be judged nationally, and the winning entry will receive an iPod Mini, with runner up prizes of gift tokens. Everyone enjoyed making the masks, and the results were really impressive. The group will get together again in a couple of months for a presentation ceremony.