

News

Updates

Events

Success



Be Seen to Travel Green

SACC are thrilled to have won the Southend Business Award for 'Be Seen to Travel Green'. The judges of the award said 'We were impressed with the college's genuine commitment to green travel within its overall sustainability policy. It provides a good example for other organisations to follow in helping to influence people's travel habits'.

Lisa Pearce, Marketing Manager, said 'The college is delighted to win this award. Since 2009 the college has been trying to promote sustainable issues, including travel, to our students and staff. This award recognises the effort that has been put into it.'

After half term the college will be running a 'cycle to college' day, in which those students who wish to cycle will be entitled to have a free breakfast upon arrival. If you are interested in registering your details for this event, please contact Lisa Pearce by asking at reception, or alternatively email lisapearce@southend-adult.ac.uk.

Green Group

Building on the success of SACC's 'Be Seen to Travel Green' award at the recent Southend Business Awards, the college is forming a 'Green Group' to look at a variety of issues including; recycling, saving energy, sustainable transport, Green Week discussions (May 2012) as well as liaison with appropriate agencies. The first meeting of the Green Group will be held on Monday 7th November at 10.00am, Southchurch Centre. If you would like to be a part of this group please contact Mary Shearer by asking for her at reception or email maryshearer@southend-adult.ac.uk.

Informal Adult & Community Learning Review

The Government are currently undertaking a review of informal adult and community learning. As part of this exercise, individual students and members of the community are invited to contribute to an online survey, to express their views on the kind of informal learning they would like to see in their area.

Southend Adult Community College currently receives grant funding to support its wide range of provision for both disadvantaged groups and the wider community.

The outcome of this review could result in changes to the way this funding is allocated in the future. Your contribution to this process is very important and we hope you are able to find the time to complete the short survey. The survey is located on our website by clicking through the allocated panel. If you have any questions about the Survey, or would like to know more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

www.southend-adult.ac.uk

Ed Miliband and Ed Balls Meet Staff and Students



Southend Adult Community College students, staff and volunteers met with Ed Miliband MP (Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Labour Party) and Ed Balls MP (Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer) on Thursday 13th October.

The surprise visit took place in the unlikely setting of Southend East Station after Cllr Judith McMahon, Labour Councillor for Kursaal Ward, contacted the College for an unplanned meet and greet at the station.

Ms McMahon had only visited the College two days before, during the meeting Cllr McMahon met with Jay Ellis, Tutor 16-18 Pre-Apprenticeship course, and discussed young people's disengagement from politics.

Mr Miliband & Mr Balls spoke to a group of the college's JIBES (Journey in Building Employment Skills) 16-18 Pre-Apprenticeship Course students about a wide range of subjects including Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Apprenticeships.

'It was really good to talk to someone who can actually help us.' Connor Davey, 17

Connor Davey, aged 17, of Southend said: *"It was really good to talk to someone who can actually help us. We spoke about the fact that we no longer get EMA and about the other things we are now doing to get money. EMA was really important to us"*.

Jay Ellis, JIBES Course Tutor said: *"I am delighted that Mr Miliband & Mr Balls took the time to speak to the students. Previously in class the students have spoken about politics and believe that no one is interested in what they have to say, or their views. Mr Miliband has now invited the students for a tour of the House of Commons and they are all eager to go. This meeting may really impact on their future and bring some change to their lives"*.



To view the full selection of pictures, please 'like' our Southend Adult Community College fan page on Facebook.



NEW Belfairs Centre

Southend Adult Community College is excited to welcome you to our brand new Centre at Belfairs High School. Our fantastic new facilities comprise of an ICT suite, dedicated art room and 6 other modern teaching rooms. We have plenty of courses to choose from, including: ceramics, dance and performing arts, digital photography, IT and computing, modern languages, free family learning courses and much more. For more information about our fantastic new facilities please ask at reception or call us on 01702 445700.



Jeans for Genes Day

Staff and students managed to raise a fantastic £137.00 for the UK children's charity that aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders.

Individually, genetic disorders are rare but together they affect 1 in 25 children born in the UK - that's more than 30,000 babies each year! Thank you to everyone who made a donation. We are looking forward to wearing our Jeans on 5th October 2012.

SACC's Next Top Model

We are looking for volunteer student models to appear in a college photo shoot, which will be shot in and around the college. The shoot is to create a portfolio of images and case studies for Equality and Diversity (E&D) and we require natural and enthusiastic models to help create the images we need. We are also hoping to produce a range of case studies designed and developed, based on student's real life experiences, so if you have a story you are willing to share, please ask at reception for SACC's Marketing Manager, Lisa Pearce. Now don't be shy, all are welcome, the main thing is that you have fun and the college will really appreciate your support in doing this.

There are nine specific areas (or protected characteristics) which are covered by E&D guidelines and legislation and we want to create images to cover these. They are: Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Marriage and civil partnership, Pregnancy and maternity, Race, Religion and belief, Gender and Sexual orientation.

If you would like to put yourself forward as either a model or just to share your life story for a case study please contact lisapearce@southend-adult.ac.uk or telephone 01702 445725 by Monday 7th November 2011.

Student Focus Groups



Focus Groups have been set up to help students discuss issues relating to the College. They are drop-in sessions to allow you to air your views, or you may just wish to come along for a cup of tea or coffee. Student focus groups are held on different dates throughout the academic year and are displayed on posters around the College. All students are welcome.

The next meeting of the focus group is:
Tuesday 6th December 12.00pm-12.45pm

There is also the opportunity to enter a free prize draw to win shopping vouchers. If you would like to attend you can either email the college at sacc@southend-adult.ac.uk to reserve a place or inform reception that you would like to attend and leave your name and contact details.

NVQ Level 3 Health and Social Care

A team of Foster Carers, working for the Fostering Team at Southend Borough Council, completed their NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care for Children and Young People in June of this year. The Borough fostering team wanted to show recognition of this achievement, as they had worked very hard to gain this qualification. The fostering team organised a presentation morning on 20th September at the Tickfield Centre, They celebrated over coffee and cake. Tutor, Helen Black, said 'It was a lovely morning and was great to be invited and see the students get recognition from their employers on their hard work and achievements'.



It's that time of year again where all things handmade can be bought at the Handmade Craft Fair on 19th November at our Leigh Centre. The FREE event showcases the creative handmade skills of the College's students, tutors and local crafters. Together with the local Farmers' Market being held downstairs, it's the idea place to pick up unique handmade gifts in the run up to Christmas.



Are you Following us?

Did you know you can now find us on Facebook and Twitter? We will keep you up to date and informed about the college at a click of a mouse:



Facebook: Southend Adult Community College
Twitter: SouthendACC



Can you help us raise money for Children in Need?

All you have to do is wear something spotty on **18th November 2011** and donate a £1 at reception!



What do you think?

Let us know what you think of our newsletter. Is there anything we have not included? Is there anything you really like, and would like to see again? Please, let us know by emailing communications@southend-adult.ac.uk Thank you.