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# Adult Learners' Week

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## Welcome

# Welcome to the East of England Regional Adult Learners' Week Awards

**“Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty” Henry Ford.**

Adult Learners' Week is the UK's longest running learning campaign. It is a wonderful festival and celebration of adult learning. Held each May, it encourages thousands of adults to give learning a go!

Since 1992 the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) has coordinated the Adult Learners' Week Awards. Each year we seek out the most remarkable learners – those that will inspire others – and celebrate their achievements.

Today gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of many of our outstanding learners in the East of England. We are here to congratulate them and to recognise the significant efforts they have made to enrich their lives through learning. We also thank those who have supported them through their learning journey – learning providers, nominators, family and friends.

We also take this opportunity to thank those who have given generously to make today possible. Sincere thanks to Susie Fowler-Watt, presenter of BBC TV Look East, for presenting the Awards and making this a special occasion for everyone. A full list of acknowledgements is given on the back page, but again, thank you all.

Our very best wishes go to all the nominated learners and congratulations to the winners. Whether you are one of these people, or whether you are here to support and cheer them on, we hope you have a wonderful morning.

**Sue Besant**  
Projects & Operations Manager  
CP Learning Trust

**Roy Brown**  
Adult Learners' Week Regional Coordinator

## Special guest

### Susie Fowler-Watt, BBC Look East

Susie presents BBC Look East, the BBC's regional news programme for the eastern counties, alongside co-presenter Stewart White.

Susie went to Cambridge University in 1987 where she read philosophy and experimental psychology. Afterwards, Susie went on to do a postgraduate diploma in Broadcast Journalism at the London College of Printing. She joined BBC Radio Surrey in 1991 as a production assistant and became district reporter in Lowestoft for BBC Radio Suffolk a few months later. She returned to Surrey in 1993 to work as a news producer, news editor and drivetime presenter.

In 1994 Susie moved to Westminster to become an assistant producer for BBC political programmes. This was her introduction to television and she went on to report on national politics and then became the political correspondent for BBC Look East. She interviewed many of the leading politicians of the day including Tony Blair and Gordon Brown.

In 1997 Susie was offered the job as presenter of BBC Look East and has worked alongside Stewart White ever since. She says: **“Stewart and I get on very well, both on and off screen, which makes the job much easier and much more fun.”** Susie has worked for the BBC since she was 21 and is married to Alex Dunlop, a reporter for BBC Look East. They live in Norfolk with their daughter.

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## Programme for the day

**Arrivals from 10.30am - Celebration Ceremony starts prompt at 11.00am**

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**Roy Brown** -East of England Adult Learners' Week Regional Coordinator

### The Importance of Lifelong Learning

**Liz Johnson** Area Engagement Advisor - East. Museums, Libraries & Archives Council

### A learner's story

**Guy Pottle & Stephen Orbell** Every Step Ltd

### NIACE Regional Awards

Presented by: **Susie Fowler-Watt** BBC Look East

### Outstanding & Individual Learner Awards

### EESCP supported Award

with: **Tina Ellis** – Director – East of England Skills & Competitiveness Partnership

### ESF Regional Award

with: **Richard Cornish** – District Manager Cambridgeshire & Suffolk - Jobcentre Plus

### Learning Works Award

## Programme for the day

**BBC Digital Participation Award**

**East of England Senior  
Learner of the Year Award**

**WEA Award**

with: **Carolyn Daines** – Regional Director -  
WEA

**Regional Maths Centre Award**

with: **Robert Shaw** – Regional Maths Centre  
Coordinator

**Transformation Fund Awards**

**Adult Learners' Week  
Photography Awards**

**Concluding remarks**

**Sue O’Gorman**  
NIACE Regional Programme Director

**Award introductions by: Julian Stanley** Chair of Trustees, CP Learning Trust

**Awards Presentations to be followed by Buffet Lunch at 12.30pm**

## East of England Outstanding Learner of the Year



## Alesia Parshutsina

**Age 22. South Okendon**

**Nominated by Sian Reeves, City Lit, Covent Garden, London**

Alesia Parshutsina's ambition to qualify as a teacher for deaf children is remarkable, not only because she is profoundly deaf, but until three years ago she also knew barely any English.

"There are few opportunities for deaf people in my native Belarus", said Alesia, age 22, so on leaving school, she came to the UK and signed up at the City Lit on its 'New Start in the UK' course.

"From the word go, Alesia had a real thirst for knowledge," says Sian Reeves, her nominator and Senior Co-ordinator (Skills for Life) at the City Lit. "I have never seen such progress made by a foreign deaf person new to the UK."

Not only has she progressed through the Entry Levels of Literacy and Numeracy faster than most students, she has also achieved British Sign Language, CLAIT and ECDL qualifications and branched out into such diverse subjects as Thai massage, watercolour painting and GCSE Maths.

Alesia acts as a peer teacher in class, volunteers and works part-time as a PA to the Director of Empowering Deaf Society, and is also an assistant teacher of British Sign Language at a deaf organisation.

"In the UK I have the opportunity to enjoy life fully, get education I am interested in and have no one pointing the finger at me because I am deaf," she said.

## David Halls

**Age 28. Basildon, Essex**

**Nominated by Virginia Beacham, The Lodge, Runwell Hospital**

David left school with few qualifications, was living on benefits and had constant rejections when trying to find a job. However, when his girlfriend became pregnant, David, aged 23 'begged' his way into a cleaning job at South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, so he could support his family. David began learning at work whenever the opportunity arose, so he could build a better future. Now a father of three, he still continues to learn and last year alone he gained an NVQ Level 2 in Gym Instruction, an NVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care, Numeracy and Literacy Level 1 and a First Aid at Work certificate. On top of that he also completed his training to become a Special Constable with the Essex Police.

David has just started a new job too, as a healthcare assistant at Wormwood Scrubs Prison, where he'll continue learning on the job to become a qualified nurse. David said, "[Learning] has made a huge difference to myself as a person, my career and my family."



## East of England Regional Award Winner



## Christine Weetman

**Age 40. Ely**

**Nominated by Eva Alldritt, CP Learning Trust**

Personal circumstances meant Christine didn't do well at school, despite her ability, but in 2002 she decided to return to education whilst working part-time as a cleaner and with a young family to support. She started with pottery workshops, gaining OCN qualifications and then digital photography, mould making and plaster casting. Since then, she has studied OCR Levels 1 and 2 in Literacy, AS Level Art & Design, First Aid and Business Link courses to help her start a business. Thanks to her dedication to learning, Christine is now employed as a school art technician, runs a part-time business and often teaches pottery classes to the local isolated rural community to ensure they have access to learning.

At times, Christine has had to travel an 80-mile round trip to college, but she has persevered and is currently studying OCR Level 2 numeracy and 'Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector' to help her to become a tutor. **"Returning to learning for me has opened so many new doors. I have made new friends, my confidence has grown so much that I am no longer afraid,"** said Christine.

## Billy Kerry

**Age 29. Cambridge**

**Nominated by Elisa Vargas, Cambridge Regional College**

“Gypsy children don’t go to university, that’s for other people. But I never felt like a conventional Gypsy child - I knew I had something else about me.” Billy left school aged 13 with no qualifications he worked as a door-to-door salesman and taught himself to read. He realised at this point that something was wrong, though he wasn’t sure what.

It wasn’t until he enrolled on an Access to Art and Design course at Cambridge Regional College, at the age of 23, that his severe dyslexia was diagnosed. When he started the course, he struggled to read and write, however, his determination saw him pass two of the three units on the course. This allowed Billy to complete a Diploma of Foundation Studies the following year and gain a place at the University of the Arts London – Chelsea, where he later gained a first class honours degree in Fine Art – Sculpture. Billy now lectures at Cambridge Regional College, as well as continuing his arts practice with a studio in London.

“I have turned my life around. I feel that I am living my dreams,” said Billy. He continued, “It wasn’t easy leaving the family home, but now my family are very proud of me and all that I have achieved. I feel I can share this with others who may feel that their dreams to study are beyond them. I am living proof that it is not.” Billy hopes to continue his learning with a Masters in Sculpture and even dreams of completing a PhD.



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Billy Kerry's award  
is also supported  
by EESCP

"Making the decision to go back to college has been one of the best things I have done in my life."

**Nigel**

## Nigel Freeman

**Age 46. Grays, Essex**

**Nominated by Corrine Sumun, Thurrock Adult Community College**

Nigel was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2003 and underwent treatment. In remission, but unable to work, he decided to make use of his time by enrolling on a European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) course at Thurrock Adult Community College in 2005, which he passed in just six months. He then completed ECDL Advanced, as well as CLAIT Plus, hoping the more qualifications he had, the better chance he had of finding work.

When Nigel began supporting other students in the class, it was suggested that he should become a volunteer, which he did, helping others for six hours each week. He continued studying too, passing Numeracy and Literacy Level 2, among other courses. Nigel is now employed as a casual IT lecturer at the college, and passed a qualification to teach in the lifelong learning sector at the beginning of 2010. Nigel will begin a Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector in October 2010 so he can further his teaching skills.

## Learning Works Award Winner



## Jane Smith

**Age 44. Hitchin, Hertfordshire**

**Nominated by Marie Cherasse, North Hertfordshire College**

Jane Smith refused to let a sudden illness caused by fluid on the brain destroy her ambition to be a nurse, just weeks before qualifying.

Two years of operations and treatment left her disabled and housebound – suffering loss of vision, headaches, nausea and memory loss. But, through the government-funded programme ‘Work Preparation’, she put her life back together, regaining her confidence, building up a CV, updating her IT skills and setting a realistic new goal. She is now working in the NHS as a Breastfeeding Support Worker.

“Since starting my new job, there have been times when I marvel at how such a ‘down to earth,’ even ‘ordinary,’ course can have such a great impact on an individual’s life. I truly believe that without this course and the new start it gave me I would not have recovered as fully as I have and I certainly wouldn’t have applied for the job I now love,” said Jane.

Marie Cherasse, Jane’s nominator and trainer at North Hertfordshire College, said, “She was an inspiration and ‘buddy’ to others. Her motivation, drive and example have been a beacon to anyone who has to cope with a traumatic episode or life-altering illness.”

## Essex UniTe

**Witham, Essex**

**Nominated by Jane Rigler, MillRace IT Ltd**

More than 600 older people living in sheltered accommodation in Essex have gained a new lease of life through IT – opening doors for many to new ‘careers’ as assistant tutors in their 70s and 80s. They are part of the Essex UniTe project, and their commitment to learning is being recognised with the Digital Participation Award, sponsored by the BBC.

The scheme set out to show older people how computers could change their lives. So far, 650 residents have taken a five-week course and are now using IT for creative writing, genealogy and digital photography. Some have undertaken further training to become mentors and assistant tutors – ‘golden ambassadors’. Workshops and roadshows are also being taken across the county with the aim of reaching 8,000 older people in danger of social isolation. In addition, Essex UniTe is developing a social networking site for older people and a resource toolkit to offer to neighbouring counties.

“I did not have a clue before, but now I can send emails, surf the web and look up hotels and go back down memory lane to look at old singers of my day such as Matt Monro,” said 87 year-old ‘golden ambassador’ Albert Hearn. “It really is a social activity and has made the people here closer, as it is something of a fellowship.”



## East of England Senior Learner of the Year



## Marshall Tolley

**Age 59. Essex**

**Nominated by Rosemary Thurston, Adult Community Learning**

Marshall lost his job in his late 50s and, having had numerous job applications rejected, he felt demoralised and unsure about his future. Marshall consulted the '50 Not Out' project at Adult Community Learning, Essex, where a nextstep advisor suggested he took up learning. **"The learning has boosted my confidence tremendously and has given me qualifications, something I have never had before. I have studied English, Maths and IT, and achieved Level 2 qualifications in all of these,"** said Marshall. Wanting to give something back to education, Marshall became a classroom volunteer and, just over a year later, became employed as a paid learning support assistant. Marshall said: **"It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to think that through my learning I can help others, and be working again at 59."**

He is continuing his learning too – including a Teaching Numeracy course – so he can progress his skills to support learners, with the aim to become a numeracy tutor. **"He is a marvellous ambassador for learning, [and proves] that it is never too late to learn new skills and rejoin the workforce,"** ended nominator Rosemary.

## Basil Livingstone

**Age 71**

**Nominated by Richard Taylor, Chairman, Arts & Minds - Cambs & Peterborough**

Basil suffered from depression, mood changes and anxiety from childhood. Never diagnosed, he learned to cope, as he says “by building my life around it”. Sadly, this coping strategy also meant that during his working life he never achieved his potential, which was considerable.

Only recently, aged 69, Basil’s GP prescribed Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. He found this helpful and through one to one sessions he amazingly realised when he had last felt in control; sixty years previously when he was a choirboy! Consequently, Basil was encouraged to join a small choir run locally by the charity Arts & Minds. From this point Basil became a changed man and has progressed at an astonishing rate performing with the choir and learning music theory, achieving Distinction in his Grade 3 Music Theory exam late last year and just having achieved Grade 5, missing a Distinction by only a couple of marks.



Basil said “little did I know that first Friday, when nervously introducing myself to Christina and the rest of the choir, that I was actually entering my own ‘secret garden’ of music”.



## Regional Maths Centre Award Winner



## Mildred Collins

**Age 79**

**Nominated by Angela Poyser & Julie Murfitt, Cambridgeshire  
Library Service**

Millie returned to learning at the Ely Library Learning Centre, Cambs. She wanted to improve her IT skills so she would be able to keep-up with her grandchildren and the children she looked after as a registered childminder. She quickly completed a beginners IT course and progressed to higher level IT applications.

Keen to support her grandchildren with their maths, Millie returned to the centre to study Numeracy at Entry Level 3. What is truly remarkable, between achieving her Entry 3 and going on to achieve her full Certificate in Adult Numeracy Level 1, is that Millie had to interrupt her studies to undergo a hip operation! She has now started a Literacy qualification course.

Millie says “it was frightening taking my first ever test but I felt dead pleased when I passed. When my certificate arrived I couldn’t believe it was from City & Guilds”, and she concluded, “I’m back at the centre now to do my Literacy. Here’s to getting my next certificate from City & Guilds”!

## Dean Croft

**Age 35. Norwich**

**Nominated by Barry Allard, Norwich City Council LEAP Project**

Dean had been using drugs for 12 years when he became homeless in 2007, but, thanks to his involvement with Norwich City Council's LEAP project, his life has been turned around. Volunteering three days a week with the Salvation Army, Dean sought advice from LEAP – and it became clear that he had a passion for food and wanted to become a chef. Since then, he **“has been a shining light of the project”**, according to his nominator.

Referred to college, Dean undertook a training course in cooking and food preparation, but, told that he lacked the experience to undertake an NVQ Level 2 course, he secured part-time work in a professional kitchen 24 hours a week. With his studying and work, Dean also finds the time to help out with cookery classes with the Transform Project, which helps vulnerable adults in supported housing learn new skills.

“I have **been helping the main tutor with all aspects of the course**”, says Dean. “I **enjoy giving something back and helping young people who are in the same situation as I was when I started out. I hope to fill them with confidence and stop them going down the path that I did. Learning has kept me on track. It has given me something in my life. It makes me feel like a better person and not a waste.**”

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**Dean**

## Transformation Fund Award Winner



## John Garton

**Age 44. Peterborough**

**Nominated by Janine Starling, Peterborough Environment City Trust**

John – who accepts no state benefits and lives off the land – was completing community service when he heard about the opportunity to teach others his ‘green’ skills through Greeniversity. Greeniversity is a skill sharing project, which helps Peterborough’s residents to gain a new ‘green’ skill for free and provides an opportunity for people to share their own skills with others. Wanting to share his knowledge, John attended a Greeniversity web workshop, and learned how to set up an email address and use their website, which gave him the necessary skills to upload his own course in Wild Food. He then attended a Train the Trainer course, which gave him the confidence to deliver a course in Wild Food to 15 learners.

John’s first course was so successful that he is now preparing further courses in Wild Food. **“The Greeniversity project has given me more confidence and self-esteem. I know how to use the Internet now and really enjoy sharing my skills with others,”** said John. As well as teaching others, John has also learned new crafts such as willow weaving, pole lathing and carving, and volunteers at The Green Backyard – a community growing project in urban Peterborough.

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# Adult Learners' Week Photography Competition

Again this year we have had a good response to the regional photography competition for Adult Learners' Week here in the East of England. It demonstrates what a popular informal adult learning topic photography is! This year's overall winner is Emily Haggerty, with her picture entered for the Adults Learning theme. Judge Karen Harvey commented that "Emily's picture is well composed with an excellent viewpoint. It has many complementary colours and shapes within the picture. But above all, it fulfils the brief and shouts Adults Learning".

An exhibition of some of this year's entries can be seen here at Duxford in the reception room. We thank CP Learning Trust for their generous sponsorship of the photography competition, and also Karen Harvey for undertaking the difficult task of judging all the entries.

## Adult Learners' Week Photography Competition



## Adult Learners' Week Photographer for 2010



## Theme winner for 'Adults Learning' Emily Haggerty

### Age 19. Peterborough

Emily first got interested in photography when choosing her A level subjects. Although Emily had not studied photography before she liked the idea of studying it at A level. When looking at the themes for this year's competition she wanted to take some pictures of real people. Therefore she went into some of the classes at Peterborough College of Adult Education and photographed young and old alike. When photographing a lace making lesson she found that the lady who is the subject of her winning picture, in particular, stood out. As Emily says; **"through my photos her character really shone"**.

She is currently a training beauty therapist. However, she plans to keep photography as a major part of her life and use it as a medium for showing real people, especially adult learners.

## Other winning images

Theme:  
**Adults Learning**



**Runner-up:**  
**Susan Kirkpatrick**

Judge's comment:  
"A strong composition and good viewpoint that suits well this style of adult learning."

Theme:  
**My Town**



**Winner:**  
**Andy Williams**

Judge's comment:  
"Stark contrast between the urban and natural environment which is enhanced through the use of black & white."

Theme:  
**Emotion**



**Winner:**  
**Sarah Frost**

Judge's comment:  
"A nicely composed picture that is well lit and very thought provoking."

Theme:  
**Emotion**



**Runner-up:**  
**Julie Shortland**

Judge's comments:  
"A well framed and nicely composed picture - it really captures the subjects' emotions."

## Speaker Biographies

### Stephen Orbell

#### Centre Manager, Every Step Ltd

Stephen is Centre Manager at Every Step Ltd's learndirect Centre at HMP/YOI Chelmsford. An advocate of adult learning, Stephen's supportive, trusting and encouraging manner as a tutor has helped many learners at the centre to build confidence and self-esteem. Always going that extra mile to help learners achieve, Stephen is constantly thinking of new and innovate ways to engage learners to achieve and improve their life chances. The centre was recently named as winner of the Offender Learning Sector Award at this year's Next Generation Learning Awards.

### Guy Pottle

Guy is a shining example to others how learning can change and improve lives. Having left school in Year 10 without formal qualifications a change in circumstances gave Guy the opportunity to return to learning. Over the past four years Guy has used his own personal experiences to successfully support others in their learning journeys. His outstanding achievements have been recognised by a number of awards, including an Adult Learners' Week Award last year.

### Liz Johnson

#### Area Engagement Advisor – East Museums, Libraries & Archives Council

Liz Johnson joined MLA in 2007 as the lead for Learning & Skills in the East Midlands. Her current role encompasses three regions (East of England, South East and East Midlands) where she works closely with museum, library and archive services to support their continuous improvement and development.

A trained museum specialist, Liz started her professional career at the National Railway Museum in York as a front of house 'Explainer' which means she knows how to drive a steam engine (amongst other things). Other heritage experience includes being custodian of a castle in Leicestershire for a season, and working with the Royal Institute of British

Architect's Drawings Collection in London. Liz has also worked in a number of different environments from Higher Education where she led a university staff and students volunteering scheme to the Third Sector where she was the first employee for a local charity, helping the Trustees to set up their business and run their annual conference.

Outside work, Liz enjoys learning new skills having recently studied bricklaying to help in the ongoing renovation project that is her home; her next step is to learn about furniture restoration.

## Speaker Biographies

### Sue O'Gorman

#### **NIACE Regional Programme Director**

Sue, BSc, MSc, PhD (all London), is a Regional Programme Director, representing NIACE in the East of England. This involves liaising with strategic bodies and a range of organisations including learning and skills providers, keeping them informed about developments in policy and practice concerning adult learning, supporting the sharing of good practice and encouraging the implementation of NIACE national programmes in the region.

Sue joined NIACE as Regional Programme Director in February 2003. Her work currently includes: working with key regional stakeholders; membership of various regional strategic and development groups for adult learning; convening and supporting a range of regional networks; organising conferences with input from national regional policy makers as well as local practitioners; organising workshops and seminars focused on the needs of particular groups and undertaking research, development and consultancy on a contracted basis.

## The East of England Skills & Competitiveness Partnership



### The East of England Skills and Competitiveness Partnership

facilitates closer collaboration between senior representatives from regional agencies, the business sector, learning providers, local authorities, the voluntary sector and community interests.

The common aim is to create a regional economy that is more competitive, productive and inclusive. Our scope includes 14-19 provision, adult skills, business support and welfare to work.

Activity is coordinated by a small team headed by the Partnership director: facilitating the EESCP Board, the Executive Commissioning Group and the Implementation Group. This secretariat also leads several work

programmes; promotes consultation; and hosts periodic events and briefings to bring a regional focus to specific skills challenges.

[www.eescp.org.uk](http://www.eescp.org.uk)

## Jobcentre Plus

Jobcentre Plus is an executive agency of the Department for Work and Pensions.



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Launched in April 2002, Jobcentre Plus brought together the Employment Service and parts of the Benefits Agency that delivered services to working age people. Our aim is to get people into work, assist employers to fill their vacancies, and provide people of working age with the help and support to which they are entitled.

Working with a range of partners, we promote work as the best form of welfare, helping unemployed and economically inactive people of working age move closer to the labour market and compete effectively for work, while providing appropriate help and support for those without work.

[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)

## Today's Sponsors

### The Workers' Educational Association (WEA)



**The Workers' Educational Association (WEA)** is the UK's largest voluntary provider of adult education. It was founded in 1903 to support the educational needs of working men and women and today maintains its commitment to provide access to learning for adults from all backgrounds, and in particular those who have previously missed out on education.

The WEA, Eastern Region has 133 branches run by volunteers and also works with many community partners across the region. We believe that education is lifelong and should continue beyond school, college and university in order to help people develop their potential in a democratic society.

[www.wea-eastern.org.uk](http://www.wea-eastern.org.uk)

### The Regional Mathematics Centre (RMC)



**The Regional Mathematics Centre (RMC)** was created in February 2007. It has adopted a collaborative approach and is working with key stakeholders and partners towards achieving three clear aims:

raising the standards in and improving the quality of mathematics/numeracy teaching and learning; increasing the number of learners and achievements in mathematics/(numeracy) in the East of England; raising the status and profile of mathematics and numeracy.

The RMC currently runs three termly 'cluster' network meetings giving practitioners the opportunity to; discover and share effective ways of teaching mathematics/numeracy and hear about new developments and resources. The Centre also offers regular CPD training events e.g. Mathematics and Learners with Learning Difficulties and coordinates a working group supporting mathematics/numeracy specific teacher training.

**Rob Shaw (Regional Mathematics Centre Coordinator)**  
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## ESF in the Region

**The European Social Fund (ESF)** is one of a number of European Structural Funds set up to improve employment opportunities and help raise standards of living. It aims to help people fulfil their potential by giving them better skills and better job prospects.

The 2007-2013 ESF programme has a current ESF value of £189m and has provided additional support to disadvantaged jobseekers and young people not in employment, education or training, people who have recently been made redundant, and people facing redundancy. It also supports economic recovery by addressing weaknesses in basic and intermediate skills, and up-skilling people for new jobs.

For the past 19 years ESF has played a major role in supporting Adult Learners Week by providing a proportion of the funding to support both national and regional events.



ESF programmes are managed regionally by the Government Office for the East of England. Further information can be obtained by contacting:

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Further information on ESF regionally and nationally can be obtained from the following websites:

**[www.goeast.gov.uk](http://www.goeast.gov.uk)**

**[www.esf.gov.uk](http://www.esf.gov.uk)**

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# Acknowledgements

We would like to thank each of the learners nominated for sharing their experiences of learning, and their tutors, employers, friends and families for recognising their achievements and nominating them for learning awards.

Particular thanks are also due to: Sue Besant, Sam Jones and colleagues at CP Learning Trust for hosting and contributing greatly to the organising of the awards ceremony; to the East of England Skills & Competitiveness Partnership, Jobcentre Plus, the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) and the Regional Maths Centre for sponsoring the awards ceremony; the CP Learning Trust for sponsoring the photography competition; Karen Harvey from Atelier East ([www.atelier-east.co.uk](http://www.atelier-east.co.uk)) for judging the photography competition, and; to David Hedges Photography (07860 649578) our ceremony photographer today.



Last but not least, thanks go to our judges, presenters, organisers and national sponsors, and a whole host of other people who have contributed and enthusiastically supported us, enabling the East of England Adult Learners' Week Awards to become a reality.

## Roy Brown

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