

## Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS) Case Study – Debbie Hudson



### **Spring chicken Debbie Hudson shows age is no barrier to education**

There can be a stigma attached to mature students coming back to education but one old stager is determined not to let the younger generation have all the fun. Debbie Hudson, who will confirm nothing aside from being over the age of 21, is enrolled on a Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS) course with Tower Hamlets College and she plans to enjoy the experience.

“I have wanted to get on this course for a few years now so I am delighted to be back in

education. I have done various training courses over the years but nothing like this one. We have to do a lot of work to keep up but we learn something new every week so I enjoy it.”

PTTLS is a short teaching course providing an introduction if you wish to train or teach and equips a wide range of people to support learners. For Debbie, it was important to take the qualification as part of her role with Tower Project, a voluntary organisation providing services to local young people and adults with physical or learning disabilities.

“Tower Project mentioned the course here to me and they are funding me through it. A lot of the people I teach are unable to read and write so we start with basic skills relating to independent living, such as safety at home and making tea, before eventually moving on to literacy. I have learnt a lot in terms of practical and theoretical teaching through this course and the way different people learn, whether that be through a kinetic, visual or audio stimulus. I wanted to be confident enough to teach kids the required skills and I am getting there now.”

The PTTLS course runs at The Idea Store in Whitechapel, a unique venue which combines the best of a traditional library and information service with first class learning facilities in a central location. The course is suitable for anyone who wants to work in teaching, training or tutoring in a variety of industries, including commerce, public and voluntary sectors or even in HM Forces. If you need a recommendation, you need look no further than Debbie.

“I would certainly recommend the course to anyone looking to build on their existing skill set and get more experience in the classroom. The tuition we receive is very thorough and we got lots of feedback on our progression and the work we do.”