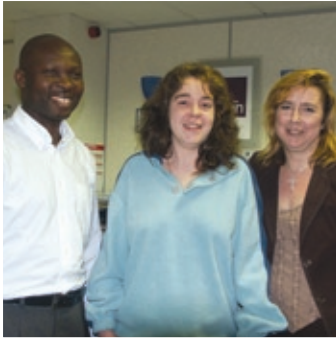


Success with Twin Vocational Training & Employment Placement



Natasha ridger with:

Paul Ajayi

(Teacher - Vocational Training)

and Bernadette Vicente

(Employment Placement Officer)

Natasha Ridger

Natasha previously worked for two years as a chambermaid but had been unemployed for over three years when she joined Twin to follow the Basic Skills and Employability syllabus. She has been assessed as dyslexic but persevered with her course for five months. With the help of Paul, her tutor, and Bernadette, her employment placement officer, Natasha gained the confidence and skills to seek a job as a kitchen porter. Although worried she would not be accepted because of her dyslexia she was asked along for an interview at Zas, an Italian restaurant, in Blackheath.

Natasha impressed the management of Zas, was offered the job at the interview, and began full time permanent work with them that day!

She has been working at the restaurant for over 7 months now and says *"Although it is hard work it is better than being unemployed and I like earning and spending my own money."*



Roger Kamden with:

Angelo Abraham

(Academic Manager - Vocational Training)

and Bernadette Vicente

(Employment Placement Officer)

Roger Kamden

Roger is from Cameroon and French speaking but has lived in England for some time now. After working as a shelf-filler at TESCO for a year he joined Twin Training to improve his written and spoken English. He started in a lower intermediate class but soon progressed to a mid-intermediate class and eventually completed his studies successfully at higher intermediate level. Roger then applied for, and was awarded, a place on a computer course at a local college and on successful completion of that course he decided he would like to open his own business. He now owns and manages his own Internet Café at Deptford Bridge which has been operating for over a year now. Roger came to talk to our students recently to explain how he achieved his ambition and the part Twin played in helping him *"Twin helped me improve my English to a level where I can now communicate well enough to establish working business relationships."*

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