

LOCAL UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW TRAINING CENTRE IN WOOLWICH

*Training company, **Twin Group**, will give free careers advice and guidance, employability training and employment placements to anyone in Greenwich unemployed for longer than 26 weeks.*

Today, **Twin Group** opens a new office in the Island Business Centre, central Woolwich to meet the demand for more jobseeker training places in South London. London Borough of Greenwich residents over 25 years of age, who have been receiving benefit for a continuous period of not less than 26 weeks, will now be able to attend the Jobseeker Mandatory Activity programme in the Twin Group's Woolwich training centre. The course includes an initial three-day work-focused course and three follow-up interviews with careers advice and guidance.

Twin Group runs the Jobseeker Mandatory Activity contract on behalf of the London Development Agency which was awarded to them in June 2006. They now provide training courses in Woolwich, Lewisham, Croydon central and in Kingston-upon-Thames.

Caroline Fox, Managing Director of the Twin Group said, "*According to the Office for National Statistics in June 2006 the number of people resident in the London Borough of Greenwich who have been claiming Jobseeker Allowance for more than 12 months was just under 2,000. We will be helping these, plus a number of people who have been receiving benefit for half this time, by offering more than just training. We will be providing support, advice and good work placements which will help people return to the job market.*"

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Note to editors

About Twin Group: www.twinuk.com

Established in 1993 by twins Caroline and Jacqui Fox, Twin Group is a major provider of training solutions, English language courses, languages abroad programmes, global work experience programmes, vocational training programmes and international travel services for students from all over the world. Twin Group also delivers government funded programmes for British residents leading to employment opportunities in the UK.

Twin Group manages British Council and ALI-inspected training centres, and organises tours and summer holidays for thousands of students each year linked to activities such as the Chelsea Football Training Camp.

Headquarters are in Lewisham, South-east London with training centres in Lewisham, Camberwell, Croydon central and in Kingston-upon-Thames; three year-round language schools in Eastbourne, Salisbury and Lewisham and ten summer centres throughout the United Kingdom.