

THE NOTICEBOARD



Welcome to the first edition of the Westminster Adult Education Service monthly newsletter. We need your help to name this newsletter.

If you think you have the name that will put all others to shame then email your suggestions to **marketing@WAES.ac.uk by 5pm, Friday 24th July**. We'll reveal the winner in the next issue and they will receive glory and a £30 M&S gift voucher! So don't miss your chance to grab this claim to fame and send your ideas to us now.



ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK

Adult Learners' Week is an annual national event designed to promote and celebrate adult learning. Held 15-21 May 2010, Adult Learners' Week recognises the outstanding achievements of individuals, groups, families and projects through national and regional awards.

As part of this week, WAES presented our Annual Awards. This was the seventh successive year we have held this event at WAES, and it has now become a major highlight of our year.

We also saw the second Westminster Business

Solutions Skills Award ceremony which is an important event in the service's year. The ceremony provided the opportunity to come together to celebrate the achievements of a diverse group of trainees.

Showcasing their musical talent at these two events were Gavan De Mel, WAES guitarist student (bottom centre), and the Find Your Voice Singers (top).

The week also featured a little something for everyone with a diverse range of workshops in areas from languages and health & safety to disco, yoga and makeup.

Photography by Gilvanio Bragagnolo.

SUMMER EXHIBITION 2010

A celebration of work that showcases the breadth of talent, extraordinary vision and achievement shown by students of Westminster Adult Education Service.



The Summer Exhibition 2010 was a spectacular display of extraordinary works created by some of the students at Westminster Adult Education Service.

"This year's honoured guest was the highly respected curator and art historian Ann Dumas from the Royal Academy of Arts. Her expertise could have been intimidating but her enthusiasm about the work and thoughtful and touching speech hit all the right notes," *Anna Silverton, Exhibition organiser.*

Ann Dumas (below) described the exhibition as having "a lot of very natural and creative talent."

"It's truly inspirational to see what people can achieve. The ranges of works show that there is an opportunity for everyone." *Carolyn Keen, Chair of Governors.*



Above: Anna Silverton, Exhibition organiser (left), Ann Dumas, Curator & Art Historian (centre), Inga Tillere, David Bowker Prize Winner (right).

The David Bowker Award went to Inga Tillere for her piece '*Shadows of my past*' (above), "It was absolutely amazing when I got the call that I won the award. My work was part of the identity project, to reflect on my own identity being Latvian," *Inga Tillere, Student.*

Visitors to the gallery were amazed and found the piece to have "very strong, striking images." Other's described the piece as "very powerful."

"The quality of the work improves year on year. I'm always delighted to come here." *Marian Harrington, Statagic Director for Adult & Community Services, WCC.*



Above: Andrew Graves-Johnston, Commendation Certificate (left) for piece '*The Ghosts of Pete Townsend*'.

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The exhibition could not have been such a success without all of the course team leaders, associate lecturers, part-time tutors, technicians and support staff who put in so much time and effort to put together a display with such variety and talent.

"Although it was a bit daunting organising the exhibition this year I think the reward, making it all worth while, was the smiling faces of proud learners seeing their work in such a wonderfully professional looking gallery," *Anna Silverton*.

"It was a really exciting and lively evening. It's so good to see so many people having such a wonderful time." *Barbara Holm, Head of Service*.

Photography by Elke Bock.



SOUTH WEST FEST 2010



Lovely weather and thousands of people flocked to the most successful South West Festival so far. Throughout the day the WAES Marquee (above) was a hive of activity. Interest in the new Pimlico Centre and WAES courses was high and many registered to win a free WAES course.

The day featured Student Services staff providing invaluable course advice throughout the day. The brilliant face painters and special effects learners from Ebury were inundated by a constant sea of demanding little faces.

Our Family Learning team provided three wonderful activities which pulled in a record 58 adults and 89 children on the day.

The Personal Best team provided volunteering support, handing out fliers, marketing the new Centre and pulling families towards the WAES tent.

The day featured a wonderful Spring Art Exhibition by Cardinal Hume's learners. There was also a fabulous WAES advertising video created by our ILT coordinator, which was looped through the day.

Doing their part on the day was also the community team and resident face painter who is now aware that monkeys do not wear glasses.

We would like to thank all the WAES staff and learners who dedicated their time and effort into making this year's South West Fest so successful.

Photography by Sindi Hearn.

