

Refugees celebrate stepping into jobs

Step into jobs launch party, Pearce Institute, 840 Govan Road, Glasgow, 11-1400, Wednesday 21 June

New students starting an innovative course to help refugees gain language and jobs skills are celebrating the start of their course, with an exhibition and a banquet of international cuisine. The event is part of the Refugee Week in Scotland Celebrations.

Step into Jobs is an innovative community learning project that will allow asylum seekers and refugees to gain computer skills while they learn English, thanks to a partnership between Govan & Linthouse Housing Associations and Anniesland College. The course will be held in a brand new learning suite at the Pearce Institute in Govan.

The learning suite, funded by Communities Scotland, is the latest addition to the revamped Pearce Institute in its centenary year. Anniesland College will deliver the training with the help of European Social Funds.

The course will provide asylum seekers and refugees the opportunity to :

- **Study for PC Passport**
- **Learn the basics in computing, including using the internet, word-processing and spreadsheets.**
- **Students will also have the opportunity to study English Language ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)**

Fatima, a student on the course, said,

“Everyone in the class is very friendly and this is a wonderful opportunity to learn and improve our computing and English language skills at the same time”.

Govan HA Director Germaine Hahn added:

“What better way is there to help people settle down in the community than by improving their English and helping them to gain the skills that can lead to a job? This course gives people real skills and builds the confidence for them to move on into education or employment and get on with their lives.”

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