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## Newsletter

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**Partnerships might not be so obvious:**



### SKILLS REFUGE

"Asylum Seekers and Refugees" have increased in numbers in the 'Birmingham' area over the past year, with limited provisions being made available to help them integrate into main stream society.

CWT, a voluntary trust has setup, 'Skills Refuge' a training program designed to be short and effective and delivered over five days, covering the basic skills needed to help people settle down and build a new life in 'Birmingham'.



Anser Bashir  
Project Manager

Arshad Butt and Atif Fadol are the tutors involved in what's becoming a successful project within the community. Talking to Arshad and Atif, they are surprised at the success of this program considering that the only promotion has been by 'word of mouth', an old fashioned but productive method.



Top: Staff: Arshad Butt, Atif Fadol and Malik Khan.  
Above: A student showing off her new skills.

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## Fulfil Your Potential

Potential a word associated or used in reference with people who have the ability to achieve great things within their own circle.

In the time, we at 'MCET' have known Mossarrat Bi, we have watched her approach her studies in a professional manner that can't be accredited to us "Well maybe a little bit". She recently completed her numeracy level 1 and is currently working for her level 2 'ECDL' and studying level 2 'Beauty Therapy'.

As a child Mossarrat missed out on most of her schooling and was only able to start her learning when she enrolled onto a several GCSE courses, including English and Maths, the later she failed at a near by college.

This did not deter Mossarrat and she found herself a work at a bank, learning a variety of duties. But after a period of time, marriage and children meant that it was not possible for her to continue her job.

In '2006' and her children settled in school, she resumed her learning at MCET, where the relationship between the student and MCET began.

We asked Mossarrat, "What would you say to someone who's interested in resuming their learning?" She said "I find the MCET centre, has a friendly atmosphere and has the facilities to assist the student in their learning. The staff are helpful and are available to assist if student are having difficulties. The centre runs a wide variety of courses, in a open learning facility which benefits people who are working with children, rather than having set times. This is the reason why I attended this centre besides all the local busses that drop you near the centre".

### Help, Always At Hand

Mamoona has been working for MCET from the time the company was formed and over that period of time has proved to be a valuable member of staff at MCET.

Her friendly approach has endeared her to the students and fellow staff.

So, we would like to say thank you for being here, from everybody at MCET.



# Role Models for our Children



Khadija Bangee, born and raised in Bolton, which is not too hard to conclude once you've heard her strong Lancashire accent that she has. When you speak to Khadija she comes over as a confident self assured person who is always willing to give a helping hand to anybody who needs it, and during the time she has spent with us at the centre this has always been evident.

But! Khadija has not always been this way; in fact you would have to say she was contrary to everything I've just said. At school there was no sign of the confidence that she displays today, in her own words "I was shy, never had anything to say and there would be some lessons I just did not want to be at and I paid the price when I failed to achieve any worthwhile qualifications from school. Said Khadija"

As time passed by things change as they do for everybody and Khadija met and then married her husband. They moved from Bolton and came to Birmingham where they found work, saving enough money for a deposit on a house and as with all young married couple's, children enter the arena.

Khadija stopped work and her husband

became the soul bread winner while she looked after the children. Talking to Khadija about children you learn that she's conscious about the responsibilities that go with bringing up children, quote; "I want to bring up my children in a civilised way", "Well so far so good"


2006 was a new start for Khadija, the idea of becoming a classroom assistant or learning mentor, is something that's been floating around in the back of her mind for a while and is a realistic goal for her.

Khadija targeted 'literacy and numeracy' an area in which she had to improve, to have any chance of achieving her goal. She dedicated most of her free time, fitting her learning between the kids, the house and her marital duties.

She achieved level 1 followed by level 2 for both literacy and numeracy, and now has the platform to move in any direction regarding her learning. All though the timing of the completion of her literacy and numeracy was not perfect, she enrolled herself onto ECDL, completing module's 1, 2 and 7 for level 1 'Information Technology' certificate. "A good use of her time I think".

2007 should bring her goals closer, she will have decisions to make, some easy, some not so easy. But with the perseverance she has shown to date and that ability to learn that we all have, I feel she will become the role model for her children, that's not just what Khadija wants, but all of us want in our own different way.

**FREE**  
*Skills for Life Courses*



**GAIN A CERTIFICATE  
IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY**

**Literacy/Numeracy Level 2**  
Equivalent to GCSE grade A-C

انگریزی اور حساب میں قیاسی  
لیول کے پرائمری اور ماسٹر کیجے۔

انگریزی میں پرائمری اور ماسٹر کیجے آپ کو:

- کامیابی کا احساس دلاتا ہے۔
- آپ کی وی بی میں شامل ہوتا ہے۔
- آپ کو ریزومے میں شامل کرنے میں مدد دیتا ہے۔
- قومی طور پر تسلیم شدہ ہے۔

A certificate in adult literacy numeracy gives you:

- A sense of achievement
- Something for your CV
- Helps you to get a job
- A nationally recognized qualification.

Take a step closer to change your life.  
'Learn to Learn' and get those qualifications  
you crave for.

Contact 'MCET' on  
0121 777 8009 or 0121 440 6541



# Learn 2 Learn

With  
MCET your local development centre

Learning can be difficult especially if you've been away from a learning environment for a long period time, and that can bring on fear and embarrassment, all of which you, as a learner don't need.

Can we help? "Yes, and we say it proudly". MCET offers a relaxed and friendly learning environment, which offers 'you' the base to begin 'your' learning.

We at MCET try to understand the needs of the learner in order to come up with the best possible learning plan for 'you' the 'learner' to find and develop those skills you never thought you had.

Staff at MCET has experience, covering a wide range of teaching topics spread across our centres giving us the ability to cover more learning topics to support your needs. Partnerships and marks of approval have been established over the period of our own development, putting us in a position to help 'you' the 'learner'.

Come along and visit one of our centres and see if we can help you in anyway. SEE YOU SOON

## MCET Management Team



## Honours Awards



Khalid Zaman



Sarla Parmar



Carlton Avilez



Zeeshan Kiani



Mark Osborne



David Evans



Simon Mokwena



Chhaya Shah



Joseph Bayeck



Khadija Bangee

## Kafe Karachi

حلال

127 - 129 Ladypool Road  
Birmingham  
Open 12 til Late

0121 440 6477

### Menu

Balti's from	4.00
Balti Chicken	4.00
Balti Vegteble	4.00
Balti Meat	4.00

### Kks Special

Whole Chicken	3.50
Biryani	5.00
Masala Fish Roll	3.00

## English URDU اردو

January	Jan-very	جنوری
February	Far-very	فروری
March	March	مارچ
April	Ap-rail	اپریل
May	Mai	مئی
June	June	جون
July	July	جولائی
August	August	اگست
September	Sat-ember	ستمبر
October	Oct-ober	اکتوبر
November	Nov-ember	نومبر
December	Dece-ember	دسمبر

## The Future

by  
MCET

### Registered Managers Award

Gain a qualification for supervisory or management position for those involved in team development and managing people (Terms and conditions)

### NVQ Health & Social Care Level 2 & 3

Learn essential skills required to work in Social Care Understand your role as a carer

### NVQ in Customer Service Level 2 & 3

Develop skills needed do deal with a range of customers How to make the right impression with customers Practical work-based competence assessment



# MCET



## Local businesses get help with training costs from Midland Community Education & Training and the Business Advantage Project

The new Business Advantage project got off to a flying start on Monday morning when many local business leaders attended an event hosted by Midland Community Education & Training (MCET) at Birmingham's Central Mosque. This was the first in a series of events which showcases the many benefits that leadership and management training gives to small businesses.

Jim Shuker, senior project manager at Ufi/learnirect who are leading this innovative project, said; 'Get it right, and training will improve efficiency and productivity and result in a more motivated and reliable workforce. But poorly delivered training can disrupt the smooth running of your business, overload your staff with irrelevant information and cost more than you'd bargained for. learnirect understand training and we understand business. That's why we've joined forces with the Business Advantage project to offer businesses in the West Midlands a new low cost approach to training. We use a 21st century approach to training that's affordable, flexible and relevant to your needs an approach that delivers real and immediate benefits to your business. Business Advantage helps reduce the cost of this training to you, making it really affordable to small businesses for the first time. We have selected MCET as one of our local partners because of their expertise in small business training and knowledge of the area to ensure the right businesses are selected for this opportunity.'

Malik Khan, MD of MCET, said; 'We are very pleased to be involved in this project and are immediately keen to talk with eligible SME's who may have an interest in level 3 or 4 management or other training, to ensure they receive the maximum advantage from this time limited offer.'

Please contact Malik Khan on 0121 440 6541 in the first instance; if you would like any further information on this project.

The project is managed by Ufi/learnirect and funded by European Social funds.

## MCET Launch Business Advantage Project for SMEs

'12th March 2007' the day MCET moved a step closer towards being part of the mainstream educational system and another step closer to gaining 'Higher Education' status.

Local business management teams showed their interest and former councillor "Ch Afzal" placed his support with 'MCET' by talking to local business people about 'training for people'.

Long term, local businesses will have the opportunity to give their employees the opportunity to develop their skills and optimise the company's ability to develop at the same time.

Long term goals are hard to achieve and progress always seems slow, but with 'MCET' patients is a virtue and every event 'good or bad' is a step closer their final goal.



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&  
Eat in  
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## Spicy Bites

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BALTI

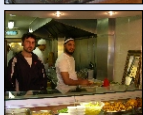
0121 777 1696



The grand opening of a new 'fast food restaurant' in 'Sparkhill' called 'Spicy Bites' took place recently. Local guests included representatives from 'Birmingham Central Mosque, the local newspaper called 'Khabarnama' and staff from MCET Ltd, when food tasting was the order of the day.



Atiff, a tutor for 'MCET' never misses an opportunity to sample good food. Atiff said, "The foods nice at Bites". A great one-liner if i ever herd one.



'Spicy Bites' will deliver 'good quality fresh food' with the service to match for all those customers who choose 'Spicy Bites' for there evening and launch time meals.

So! Go along to 'Spicy Bites' and tryout some of those great dishes on offer.



## Midland Community Education & Training

### The Thistles

1 College Road  
Birmingham B13 9LS

Phone: 0121 777 8009  
Fax: 0121 777 9877

#### OPENING TIMES

Mon-Fri 9.00 - 21.00

### Birmingham Central Mosque

180 Belgrave Middleway  
Birmingham B12 0XS

Phone: 0121 440 6541  
Fax: 0121 440 6541

#### OPENING TIMES

Mon-Fri: 10.00 - 6.00  
Sat-Sun: 11.30 - 5.00

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## Spicy Bites

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### Special Offers

Curries: with 3 Rotis or 2 Naan £3.99  
Baltis: Lamb, Chicken £4.99

### House Special

**Keema Karella**  
with 3 Towa Rotis £4.99

### Opening Special Offer

Burger, Fries & Drink £1.50  
Lunch time only between 12 til 2:00

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