

RAW Egg Day at Remploy Norwich

Norwich Remploy employees recently attended a fun learning day organised, by the GMB Union. The day was put on to promote the BBC RAW campaign and to entice new learners.

Over the years the BBC have been a key player in adult learning through TV programmes. Recently there have been story lines in shows like East Enders highlighting skills for life issues around literacy. This show is watched by millions of viewers each week, so a DVD has been produced to raise adult's literacy and numeracy awareness in a fun interactive way.

Steve Walker, GMB Project Co-ordinator and Remploy site manager Mick Hough decided to put on a "RAW Day" using the DVD quiz. Some 30 employees attended, with 15 on each of the two sessions.

Each session was divided into three teams, where they had to select a team captain and think of an amusing team name.

The day proved to be a big hit, with great joy and laughter in each session. The GMB and Remploy donated prizes of Easter eggs for all those taking part. One special prize was also given by the GMB of a DVD player to one lucky winner called Michael. Copies of the East Ender DVD were also given out.

Once each session had finished learners were invited to complete a survey to indicate any future learning interests they may have. Common subjects ranged from computers, literacy and numeracy with lots of other interest with a fishing day. Steve said, "This will help Hook some new learners". Other plans are to put on some digital photography courses and to link up with Norwich City FC and their community learning centre based at the ground.

Summing up this project is an example of True Partnership working at its best. Both the Union and employer working effectively together supporting the employees to develop new skills that release there full potential. Other positive outcomes are the learners are gaining more confidence and motivation to try new things. One member is now writing a book thanks to the computer training he had last year.

It is a Win Win benefit for all those involved and long may it continue.

Pictured are Susan, Mick Hough, Michael and Steve Walker GMB. Other Pics are of the attendees with there winning Eggs.