

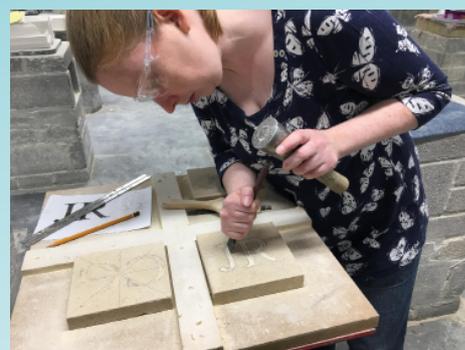
Bath College

Adult Community Learning

Case Study

Jennie Regan

Introduction to Stone Masonry / Plumbing / Painting and Decorating / Woodwork



About Adult Community Learning

Bath College Adult Community Learning provides a wide range of free courses intended for those who want to improve their chances to find work, support their families or live independently.

About Jennie

With a leap of faith, Jennie left her previous career behind as an administrator, and signed up for a number of Adult Community Learning's new vocational skills courses.

The College now offers introductory 7-week courses in painting and decorating, plumbing, woodwork, stone masonry, plastering and brickwork, and Jennie signed up for four of these courses, hoping to find a new career path. She had never learnt a trade before, but immediately showed great courage, aptitude and determination, and excelled in all areas during her

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Introduction to Stone Masonry course. As part of the course she worked a masonry molding, practised letter cutting and produced an exceptional piece of sculpture in Bath stone. With the support of the masonry department she went on to develop her ideas and completed the sculpture in her own time. “I've learnt so much from these courses - new practical skills that I have already used at home. Plus I've met so many lovely people, they couldn't keep me away!”

The Future

Her positive attitude and enthusiasm throughout the course was infectious and Jennie went out of her way to help and inspire others. Organising transport and baking biscuits and cakes, she helped to create an inclusive, self-sustaining group. The life-changing course has led her to enrolling on a Level 1 full time stone masonry course with the college, and she now hopes to explore stone masonry as a future career.

She is also involved in a school masonry project at Twerton Infants School where Jennie, and other vocational skills course graduates, are repairing a wall and creating seating sculptures for the children. 