



Partnership between Royal Borough of Greenwich's GLLaB employment service and HER centre is finalist for national award

A unique partnership between the Council's **Greenwich Local Labour & Business (GLLaB)** employment service and the **HER Centre**, a Woolwich-based charity that supports women in crisis, has been shortlisted as a finalist for the ERSA Employability Awards 2019 in the Partner of the Year Award category.

Now in its seventh year, the **Employment Related Service's Association (ERSA)** Employability Awards celebrate best practice across the employment support sector and seek to demonstrate the day-to-day hard work and dedication of those working to improve the lives of jobseekers, communities and the wider workforce.

Cllr Denise Hyland, Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Apprenticeships, explains the partnership:

"By working together the HER Centre and GLLaB have supported 23 survivors of domestic abuse to transform their lives since June 2018. The project provides flexible work placements in addition to practical and emotional support, advice on housing and benefits, training and one-to-one support.

"This joined up approach helps women and their families rebuild their lives by increasing confidence and self-esteem. I'm very proud of the fact that 91 per cent of those women completing the scheme go on to find a stable job."

ERSA received over 150 entries from across the UK. This year's submissions were judged by an all-star panel consisting of internationally recognised political thinker and Director of ResPublica, Phillip Blond, editor of The Sun's employment page, Jane Hamilton, senior civil servant at the Department for Work and Pensions, Mark Staley, and Winner of Adviser of the Year 2018, Tanya Weston of Genius Within.

Elizabeth Taylor, Interim Chief Executive, ERSA, said:

"This year's ERSA Employability Award submissions demonstrate the extraordinary achievements of individuals and organisations supporting people to enter, sustain and progress in work. The huge number of nominations ERSA received highlight the breadth of the commitment in the sector and the tireless work that goes on at the frontline every day. Congratulations to all our finalists!"

As a successful finalist, representatives from the HER Centre and the Council will attend a special ceremony on 20th June with the Minister for Employment, Alok Sharma MP.

Please visit: - ersa.org.uk/news/finalists2019 for a full list of finalists

Stacy Smith, CEO Her Centre

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New roles at Her Centre!

Her Centre has now two new posts started this spring. The first, a new **Housing IDVA**, will work from Greenwich Housing Options and Tenancy services to support staff addressing housing issues for women leaving abuse. It is hoped this post will ensure stronger pathways to positive housing and support for women in council tenancies and those who need to leave their home and need housing assistance.

Our second post is a **Children's Transitions Advocate** will support children and their families to be safe and well where there has been domestic abuse.

New Drop in Service at Clockhouse Community Centre

Clockhouse Community Centre, working with Her Centre, CAB, Greenwich Housing Rights, Lewisham Refugee Network, Greenwich CDA and Advocacy Now, are running a weekly benefits advice drop in hub for those struggling with Universal Credit claims or who have rent arrears or debt because of payment issues with Universal Credit.

For more info check our website on www.hercentre.org or the Clockhouse site on www.clockhousecc.org.uk

Charity Fundraising Auction

Every penny raised goes to **Empower Women** to move away from **abuse** and forward with their lives.

To book & Pay, please click on Her Centre's Fundraising Page below: -

<http://www.hercentre.org/donations---funding.html>

Minimum Donation for the Entry is £20.00

Ticket includes a Welcome Drink & Dinner!!

Amazing lots to bid for including: Meals, Event Tickets, Holidays, Local Services, Pampering Session and much more...

For more info, please contact Elly Virgo on 07450 538 916

Weekly One Stop Shop for women experiencing abuse

Her Centre runs a weekly one-to-one drop-in offering practical, emotional and legal support to women affected by abuse.

The service is free and confidential with advisors from Her Centre, Lewisham Refugee Migrant Network and Solicitor Angela Simpson from Hudgell & Partners.

Housing & Benefits Advice for Migrant Clients.

Every Friday, 10am to 12pm

@ YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich, SE18 5QG.

Alternatively, please call us on **0203 260 7772** to make an appointment for advice

Buses (161,177, 180, 472), DLR and Train to Woolwich

Her Centre's, IT Course for the Beginners

Started: 20th June 2019 for 6 Weeks

@ YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich, SE18 5QG.

For more information, please contact Julia Ssengooba on: **Tel: 020 3260 7715 / 07960 755 191**

Her Centre's, ESOL Classes

HER Centre offers free weekly English language classes for Non-English-speaking women.

New session will commence on

Started: Tuesday 30th April 2019 for 12 weeks.

No classes during School Holidays / No Creche Facility

For more information and to register, please contact Julia Ssengooba on:

Tel no: 020 3260 7715 / 07960 755 191
Email: julia@hercentre.org

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Her Centre's, June Open Forum

On 25th June 2019

**@ YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich,
SE18 5QG.**

For more information, please contact Julia on:

Tel: 020 3260 7715 / 07960 755 191

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Her Centre's, Confidence Building Course

Started: 19th June 2019 for 4 Weeks

**@ YMCA Thames Gateway Antelope Road Woolwich,
SE18 5QG.**

For more information, please contact Julia on:

Tel: 020 3260 7715 / 07960 755 191

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2. Collect a Token:

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Her Centre greatly appreciates donations to help us continue our work supporting women.

Donations can be made online at Virgin Money Giving:

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Her Centre provides free and confidential advocacy, counselling, outreach, advice and training to women in Greenwich. For more information about Her Centre services, please visit our website at www.hercentre.org or call us on **0203 260 7715 / 0203 260 7772.**