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## YEOVIL COLLEGE HOSTS ADULT LEARNERS' AWARDS

Learners from across Somerset came together to celebrate their achievements at a presentation evening held at Yeovil College. The event was part of the Adult Learners' Week celebrations and the learners had all been nominated in recognition of their achievements. Also attending were their nominators, guests and representatives of the community. The event was sponsored by Bridgwater, Strode and Yeovil Colleges together with Somerset Skills & Learning.

Individual Award nominees attending were Joey Daniels (Yeovil), Marsha Bartlett (Langport), Mark Longmore (Bridgwater), Cheryl Burgess (Crewkerne), Linda Britton (Highbridge) Emma Parkin (Bristol), Leyton Murray (Street) and Jean Watson who collect a certificate on behalf of Lesley Coogan (Bridgwater). The three group nominees were Brewham Upholstery for All Group (Brewham, Bruton), Somerset Support Staff Champions Project (Taunton) and Time for Me Computer Group from Yeovil.

The guest speaker and presenter of the certificates was James Hampton, Principal of Yeovil College. In his speech James welcomed everyone to the college. He went on to say, *"I am sure that we all have stories of learners who have been tempted in to do cake decorating or holiday Spanish, who then realise that learning can actually be fun and enjoyable, and who then find a real passion and thirst for learning and who then go on to even greater things, including degrees and professional courses."*

*"The Adult Learners' Week Awards recognise the commitment, interest and passion that adults bring to their learning. They're a great way of celebrating the achievements of learners, and raising the profile of learning opportunities in the area."*

BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts student Elspeth Edmonds gave a moving performance of 'My Ship' from the musical 'Lady in the Dark.'

Each year NIACE seeks out the stories of the most remarkable adult learners in the UK - those whose stories will especially inspire others to give learning a go. There are four main types of awards: Individuals, families, groups and projects. Adult Learners' Week is the UK's largest and longest running learning campaign. Held each May, it encourages thousands of adults, whatever their age and background, to give learning a go: whether it's learning for pleasure, catching up on skills missed out on at school or getting that new job or promotion.

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