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CELEBRATION Conference



February was a true celebration of a month - we held our very 1st staff celebration conference. The aim of this was to get all of our staff together, from all centres to watch presentations from staff and learners, network with one another, share tips and tricks and just see how they have made a huge difference to our learners lives.

We were honoured to have some of our wonderful learners join us, giving up a day of their half term to celebrate with us spoke volumes!

This year, it was held at Daignton Golf Course, learners put on a fabulous musical show, fascinating presentations and humorous stories, those that couldn't attend sent in video presentations.

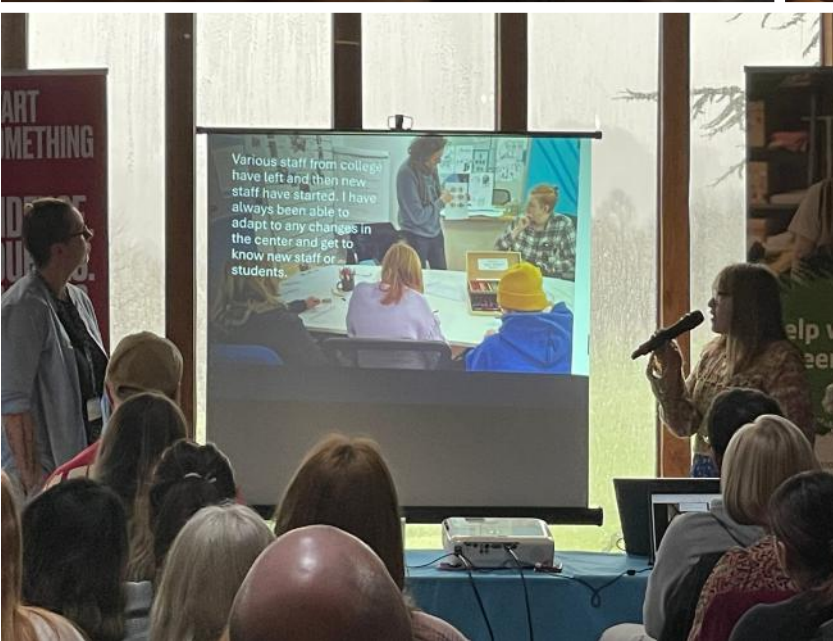
A huge shout out to all our staff and learners for making it a truly memorable event. Special thanks goes out to the following learners:

Toby - for photography and staff group photos
Dasie - for organising and manning the games and fundraising stall
Brooke and Charlie - For their Student Council Presentation
Adam - For the mockumentary video production
Charlie - For the piano solo performances
Poppy - for their life at ETF presentation
Hannah - for their life at ETF presentation
Liam and Luke - Game Development Presentation
Bradley - IT Support
Denim - for general, on hand support

The event was a resounding success, which has now led to us to begin planning learner celebrations for each centre. Keep an eye out for your invite during the course of this year!

“Great seeing the students’ achievements and what's happening in other centres. it was also a nice reminder of our own accomplishments!”







[CLICK HERE](#)
To view a short video montage

[CLICK HERE](#)
To view Charlie's Piano Solo

Apprenticeship Week

Learners from our Newton Abbot centre made the most of Apprenticeship Week in February by attending the National Apprenticeship show in Exeter.

These trips gave our learners valuable insight into the opportunities that await them after their time at ETF.



Tyler's Transformation!



Tyler has been working with our Diabetes Team since September 2023 where they started going to the gym together (PREMIER GYM) as part of ongoing and regular support sessions.

Every Tuesday and Thursday Tyler puts forth an amazing effort and has developed a real love and passion for the gym along the way.

Tyler so far as of last Sunday (weighing day) has lost an amazing 4 stone with a combination of diet and exercise, since last year. Tyler has been doing so well in fact and his bloods and hb01 levels are at a good level now. Great job Tyler!

Our Diabetes Community Youth Worker, Steve, also took part in his own personal challenge in February, by walking 100 miles for Cancer Research in memory of his uncle. If you would like to donate to his worthy cause the please click here -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/steves-giving-page-2747>



A helping hoof for the Donkeys



Dear Hannah,

Thank you so much for your wonderful fundraising gift of £240, which means that more and more donkeys can receive the love and care that they deserve, donkeys just like Tommy and Timmy.

Tommy and Timmy are such lovely donkeys, and I can't believe what an awful start they had to life. They have overcome so much and are getting on so well now. But that only happens thanks to supporters like you.

Tommy is turning into a real character and is often one of the first donkeys to make himself heard at breakfast time! We can see that years of walking on overgrown hooves has taken its toll on his joints but he is coping well and still really enjoys being out in the fields.

Timmy is fine too (he is the smaller one in the photo) and it amazed me how well he coped when the farrier last visited. Your help and support really improves these donkeys' lives and means that their future is safe and secure.



Thank you for making happy endings like this possible.

Yours sincerely,

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The Donkey Sanctuary was founded by Dr Elisabeth Svendsen MBE in 1969.
The Donkey Sanctuary (registered charity number 264818) and its sole corporate trustee, The Donkey Sanctuary Trustee Limited (company number 07328588), both have their registered office at Slade House Farm, Sidmouth, EX10 0NU.
Linked charities: The Elisabeth Svendsen Trust for Children and Donkeys (ESCT), The International Donkey Protection Trust (IDPT).

WORKING WORLDWIDE

Learner, Hannah, recently organised a very successful charity event. Raising money for the Donkey Sanctuary.

After the event she contacted the Sanctuary to let them know how it went and to confirm the £240 that was raised.

Hannah was thrilled to receive a response from the Sanctuary's Fund Raising Officer, and we thought we would share it with you!

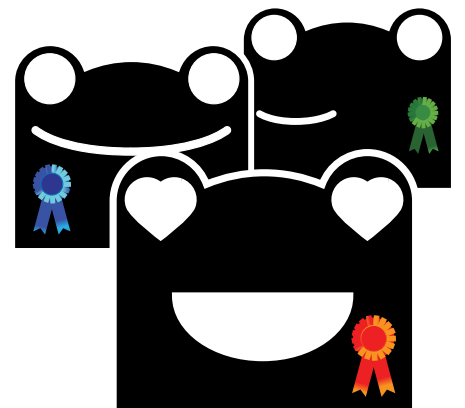


Congratulations and celebration!

The Plymouth English team have been delighted to see the progress learners are making with their functional skills qualifications this term.

Congratulations go out to Cory, Tom, Samuel, Mia, Bradley, Luciano, Luke, Jack, Lucas, Skylar and Matthew who have all passed their reading assessments. Congratulations also goes out to Salem, who passed his writing exam.

Finally, huge congratulations to Zack who has completed his entire Functional Skills qualification!





Independence skills

Independent living skills are very important for our Post 16 learners. This February, learners got to put their skills to the test!

Putting on a breakfast feast, learners put together a shopping list, travelled to the shops, bought the ingredients, then prepped and prepared a slap up breakfast for everyone in centre!

A fantastic chance to gain the necessary skills to thrive in adulthood!



Plymouth Dolphins

Two of our very own Plymouth English Tutors are part of an up and coming Inclusive Rugby Team - The Plymouth Dolphins.

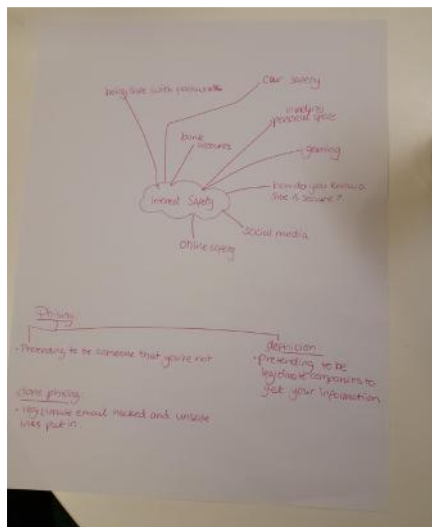
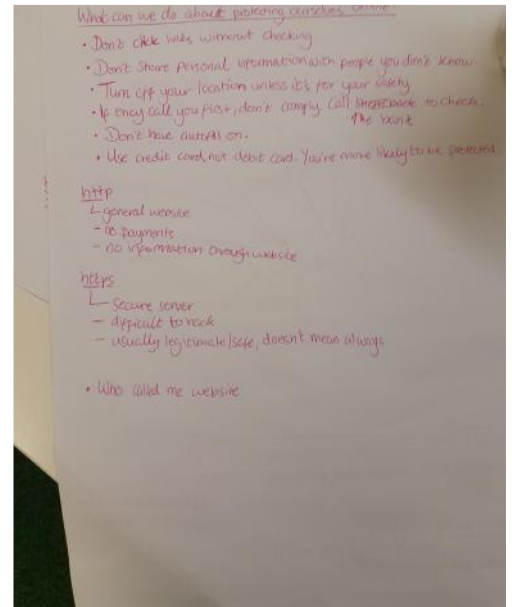
This LGBTQ+ team was formed in 2021 to bring people of any background, identity and ability together.

Read more about them in this feature covered by BBC Sport - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/rugby-union/68100203>



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day - staff and learners in our Torbay centre were shown tips and tricks on how to stay safe on the web. Up to date and vital information on phishing, links, browser settings, privacy were all addressed by our tutor Steve.



Wonderful Work Experience

On Friday the 23rd of February, Dasie started her second work experience placement of the year at Moo Music.

Moo Music host classes for babies, toddlers and preschool aged children where they have fun with music, dancing and all sorts of kid's toys.

Dasie met with the staff at 9:30, and they were super excited to see her. Dasie's confidence grew throughout the morning, and she got right in and amongst it all.



Dasie helped to set up before the children arrived and she was excellent in helping out. Dasie was amazing with all of the young children and the staff were thrilled with Dasie and how well she managed her first morning.

This was a fantastic morning for Dasie and a great start to her work experience. Dasie is very much looking forward to continuing her work experience placement with Moo Music.



Matthew for the win!

A big congratulations to our learner, Matthew, who has been awarded his certificate in Food Allergy and Intolerance Training.

The training consisted of six modules with no less than 5 questions per module and some had as many as 14 questions.

Matthew aced the training scoring typically 90% per module, often more, and showed his competency in understanding Food Allergy and Intolerance. **Very well done Matthew!**



Where Education meets Adventure!

Hold onto your sunhats, folks! February was a whirlwind of excitement as ETF SPAIN kicked off its inaugural visit with a bang! Post-16 students from South Devon College made their grand entrance, marking the start of a beautiful friendship.

From the moment South Devon College staff and students stepped foot on the sunny shores of Gran Canaria, they were greeted with open arms and a whole lot of excitement. We're talking high-fives, hugs, and enough smiles to light up the whole island! With promises of epic adventures and unforgettable memories, ETF SPAIN set the stage for an experience like no other.

But hey, it's not all fun and games – okay, maybe it is, but with a side of learning! Recognising the unique needs of our special education visitors, we pulled out all the stops to ensure their week-long visit was nothing short of spectacular. From engaging activities to cultural immersion galore, every moment was tailor-made for maximum fun and learning.



ETF Turing Participants from South Devon College

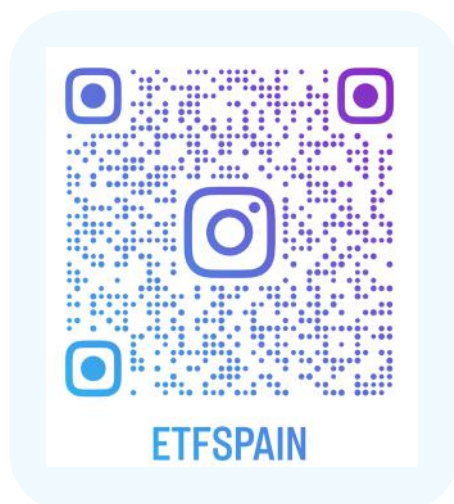
Partners in Fun: We've also got exciting news, Canterbury School are now ready to dive headfirst with the ETF SPAIN - Turing experience. Working together, we are currently helping to creating their very own bespoke learning package.

As we get to the end of February and dive headfirst into March, the ETF SPAIN adventure shows no signs of slowing down. We are looking forward to welcoming our next Princes Trust Group in April as well as our own Post 16 learners. We also have plans for more student exchanges, with more schools signing up and the ongoing participation of ROC College (our already partner from last year).

ETF SPAIN offers cultural immersion, and epic activities mixing fun and, of course, education! From laughter to learning, friendship to adventure, we're turning education into the ultimate thrill ride. Join us as we explore the world, one island at a time!



ETF Turing Participants from South Devon College



Follow Eat That Frog Spain on Instagram for live updates

IMPORTANT **Information**

Dates for your diary

Sustainability Week - 11th - 15th March

Good Friday - Friday 29th March

Easter Monday - Monday 1st April

Easter Holidays - 29th March - 12th April



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