

Christina Martin's Story

Tina enjoyed everything she learnt however particularly enjoyed learning about facials and nail technology. "My biggest achievement has to be when I received a pass in all of my exams - amazing knowing that I achieved that"

Tina carried on to say, "Now I have finished the courses I have started my own business, I am now self employed. I come to Skills & Learning once a week and sit the O.R.C.A café doing nail treatments. I also have my own beauty room at home and I also visit client's houses to perform beauty treatments. I'm just starting my business and it's been a slow start but once I'm out there I know business will pick up!"

Tina continued, "Skills & Learning has been amazing when it comes to supporting me. When I joined the course I was recovering from depression and the support I received was great. My learning support assistant's, Esther & Karen, worked with me every Thursday - it was great to have the extra help. I was also given extra time in my exams! The support here has just been amazing and I wouldn't have got through my exams if it wasn't for my tutor helping me through."

"When I first arrived at Skills & Learning I was very low and I was so slow, but the challenges I faced during my course helped me to get quicker at things and I came out feeling more confident. I talk to people more; coming here completely changed my life. I now make eye contact with people when I speak to them and feel that these courses have changed me as a person."

Tina then continued, "Overall it has improved my well-being and my self worth. I want to give back to the community and help other women who are like me to feel beautiful."

Tina sits in the O.R.C.A café every Thursday between 10:30 & 13:30 at The Oakdale Centre if you would like to come and receive some nail treatments.



Tina Martin on her first day at Skills & Learning