

## **New skills and confidence to go for a qualification**

Lorraine is a single parent from Greenwich with 2 young children aged 6 and 8. She left school at 16 with no qualifications and after 17 years of working in a supermarket, she decided to try and improve her parenting skills by attending a Positive Parenting course at her daughter's school.

Lorraine had seen the course advertised in the school newsletter, and a liaison worker who regularly recruited in the school playground encouraged her to go along.

The course led her on to assisting with reading in her child's class and she also became a volunteer for her church. She went on to complete a number of family learning courses because she simply enjoyed learning, particularly with like-minded adults. Most of all, she feels her confidence has grown enormously and enabled her to become "a better person and mother".

Lorraine is now enrolled on the NVQ L2 *Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools* with the ambition of working in the classroom, supporting the teacher.

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