

Safia

Safia has been an Ashley Community Housing tenant since October 2014 and has recently started attending some classes run by us. When Safia came to Ashley Community Housing she had little confidence in spoken English and often needed to use a translator. She now attends the English My Way course which has helped increase her confidence and improve her grasp of the English language.

Safia also recently attended a NIACE Money Management workshop run by Ashley Community Housing. Taught over two sessions, the workshop aimed to teach learners about handling their money in the UK. Learners were taught about useful vocabulary relating to money, understanding bank statements, comparing income and expenditure, and considering wants vs. needs. Learners were also encouraged to think about how they personally could budget for the future.

Safia shared her experience of the workshop:

"[It was] very useful and broadened my knowledge about how I can manage my money. I would love to do it again if there is another opportunity. It empowered me and gave me knowledge that I can use in my daily life for spending money".

Before the workshop, Safia felt unable to budget effectively, however after attending the NIACE workshop she said that she felt much more confident in managing her money. This is important for Safia as she not yet working and has a limited income from the benefits she receives.