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On 27 June we started a pilot Level 1 Accredited Warehousing award in conjunction with Wolverhampton Works (City of Wolverhampton Council) run at the Bilston Resource Centre. This course was part of the work we do under our Skills Support for the Unemployed (SSU) contract. It was arranged with Karen Sahota, Business & Projects Officer on the Wolverhampton Works Team, who promoted and recruited the learners.

The course has enabled participants to achieve a Level 1 Accredited Warehousing award, as well as gain practical skills and knowledge of the warehousing sector. Participants are now better equipped to apply for pickers, packers, and store person vacancies in the city.

On Wednesday 19 July participants were presented with their certificates during a presentation with Councillor John Reynolds, Cabinet Member for City Economy.

The proceedings were opened by Simon Bhardwaj the founder of The Bilston Resource Centre. One of the participants, Satinder Kaur, got up to speak to explain how the course had helped her with her confidence, her English and gave her new skills like Manual Handling. She was very proud of the fact that this was the first certificate she had achieved since arriving in the UK two years ago.

City of Wolverhampton Council Cabinet Member for City Economy, Councillor John Reynolds, said: "This programme equips people with the vital skills that they need. This is a good way for residents to address their common need to gain new skills and receive employment support within their



local community setting. It also again illustrates how working closely with city partners delivers this type of support to help our residents on the pathway to employment."

Based on the success of this pilot we are now planning two new courses to be run in Wolverhampton in October and November.

