

**TES FE Awards 2018 – CLS/Kent Adult Education Nomination
Celebration Event Friday 23 February 2018 at Grosvenor House Hotel**



Attendees Left to Right: Dan Rogers, Chris Harris, Glynis McKenzie, Pat Dillon-Russell, Paula Brown, **Michael Northey (KCC Member for CLS)**, Natalie McLeod, Anna Laila Pace, Alison Marsden, Alison Cutts

We were delighted to receive recognition through a nomination for the **TES FE Award 2018** for our Learning Well Project which measured the benefits of learning for people with mild, moderate and long term mental health challenges.

Projects like these are all about teamwork and achievements and outstanding results that come from the commitment of our amazing tutors and staff, and the support from our brilliant partners, some of whom shared the celebration.

We were very fortunate to be involved with this pilot to facilitate learning as a means of supporting and improving mental health and wellbeing and our input will soon be published. We have gained huge organisational benefits through this work putting mental health at the forefront of our planning focus, both for courses and staff CPD.

We all know how valuable learning is in supporting all aspects of health, and it seems that the wider community and policy makers are waking up to this too, which is great news for the sector.

We feel energised and inspired to develop ways to move this forward, working closely with community partners and learners to develop programmes and improve outcomes.

The project itself was incredibly rewarding, we had lots of extremely encouraging **feedback** such as:

“My daughter said I have been a pleasure to live with over the last week and it’s all down to attending this course”, (Art and Craft at Age UK).

“During this course I have gained so much confidence, I can now look forward to developing my employment skills. I had barely left my house in the 6 months prior to the course and I am so grateful for all the support and encouragement I have received”, (Teaching Assistant Introduction Course for unemployed mothers).