

Busy Bees Busy Winning Award

Amy Welsh from Busy Bees in Frome has won the Learning & Skills Council's, Somerset Champions of Learning 2008 Award in the Business Category. The Celebration dinner and presentations were held on the 27th March at the Holiday Inn, Taunton. Sharon Davies, Olympic swimming medal holder, hosted and presented the awards.

The Business Award Category is aimed at small to medium enterprises, which have encouraged and supported their staff to undertake training and contributed to the performance and competitiveness of the organisation.

Amy recently completed the Management NVQ level 4 and is currently undertaking the ITQ level 2. Busy Bees were formed in 1998 by Amy Welsh and Caron Henwood who both attended Oakfield Middle School, Frome and Frome College. Since then, the company have expanded to 32 staff and cover a range domestic and commercial cleaning services, as well as garden maintenance and much more.

Her business partner, Caron is currently undertaking an Assessors Qualification and Staff at Busy Bees are also benefiting from training provided by Somerset County Council's Training Providers, Adult Learning & Leisure and Somerset County Training, the two organisations merged on the 1 September 2007 and will be launching their new name in the summer. Amy said, "Somerset County Council have been a great help and support for their business and as a result has increased team spirits, helping to motivate and inspire them".

Local businesses interested in finding out more call Shan Moss, SCC Business Development Coordinator on 01749 674848 or visit www.learnsomerset.co.uk

Photo from left to Right: Amy Welsh, Busy Bees; Shan Moss, Somerset County Council, Adult Learning & Leisure

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Notes For Editors:

Somerset's Champions of Learning Awards took place for the sixth consecutive year at the Holiday Inn, Taunton on 27 March 2008. The event is now firmly placed as THE celebration of learning for all ages in the County. There were nine award categories for the nominations. The nominations were carefully considered by a panel of judges chaired by Peter Renshaw, Chief Executive of Connexions Somerset and finalists were invited to attend the awards dinner together with their nominator and other guests.

Learning & Skills Council provide Adult Learning & Leisure and Somerset County Training with funds and contracts to deliver apprenticeship schemes and Train to Gain programmes. LSC consider them as lead Training Provider in Somerset. They promote a wide range training and courses including Apprenticeships, NVQs, training services for businesses, leisure learning and much more.

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