



USDAW and Kilmarnock College: Something to celebrate

It was great to see the learners, who had accessed their ILA Scotland funds, receive their certificates for completing the Introduction to British Sign Language course.

The award ceremony was held in Kilmarnock College's Gallery Restaurant to thank the staff of Morrisons' stores in Troon and Ayr. The staff were given the choice of a range of courses to develop their skills, and Introduction to British Sign Language proved to be the most popular.

Those who attended the event to celebrate the learners' success included Kilmarnock College's Acting Principal, Dr. Gordon Jenkins, Linda van Heerden, Head of the BSL Project and Marsie Stuart, BSL Lecturer. Also attending the ceremony were USDAW representatives Lawrence Wason, Margaret Fleming and Karen Browning.

The course was a great success with everyone saying how enjoyable it was and that they are looking forward to doing the follow-on course at a later stage.

One student who completed the course said:

"I have really enjoyed learning Sign Language. I can now communicate with my boyfriend's Deaf brother, that's great! I think it's a very worthwhile course. My lecturer was patient and fun to learn with. I would recommend it to anyone thinking of learning Sign Language. I feel it has been very beneficial to my work place and everyday life."

This has been an excellent example of partnership working between USDAW, Morrisons and Kilmarnock College and demonstrates what can be achieved by working together.