

### Anne-Marie Orr, Glasgow

Childcare worker Anne-Marie Orr loves her job at Rosemount Flexicentre but has always wanted to work in the beauty industry.

Now, thanks to taking a nail technician course, Anne-Marie has a whole host of new skills at her fingertips.

“When I left school I thought I would like to train as a beautician but it didn’t happen. I studied childcare but there was always something at the back of my mind that I wanted to do something in the beauty line,” she said.

When Anne-Marie heard about the Flexicentre’s nail technician course, and that she could get ILA Scotland funding to help pay for it, she signed up right away.

“I couldn’t have afforded to do the course if the ILA Scotland funding hadn’t been available and the evening classes were great. There was a real cross section of people, women in their 40s, some in their 20s, and everyone got on well and we all helped each other as we learned,” she explained.

The course made learning ‘history’ - as the first course in Scotland to be attended exclusively by ILA Scotland-funded learners - and some women are now working for themselves or are based in salons throughout Glasgow.

Anne-Marie began doing nail extensions, manicures and nail art for family and friends – now she has a few regular clients and is keen to learn more.

“Some of the women on the course would like to know more about the different nail extensions, like gel tips, and a lot more about nail art, where there is some much that you can do. We want to go on another course!” she said.

The 30-year-old now has a taste for learning about the beauty business. “I would like to learn massage and other treatments. Who knows, maybe one day I will have my own salon.”

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