

# Salford UCRC

**Unemployed & Community Resource Centre** 

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'Necessity is the of the mother of invention'





The Salford Third Sector Consortium has responded to the needs of hundreds of Eastern European migrant workers now living and working in Salford and Greater Manchester, by providing imaginative and free ESOL courses (English as a second or other language).

One of the leading provides, Salford Unemployed & Community Resource Centre has been expanding its lessons from its Eccles base and is now delivering ESOL courses in Little Hulton and Swinton from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The Eastern European migrant workers have been living and working in Salford for years but until now have never had the opportunity to earn the language of their host country, English.

Over the past 4 months, 12 different nationalities joined the courses, all striving to learn English, to be able to speak to their work colleagues and neighbours, improve their work prospects, assist their children and of course make new friends.

Of late however, an increase of refugees from Syria, Sudan and Eritrea has seen a further demand for English lessons. Classes are packed and a brilliant multinational mix occurs in the classroom daily.



Alec McFadden, Centre Manager of Salford Unemployed & Community Resource Centre and Company Secretary of Salford Third Sector Consortium said "The community and







voluntary sector has responded in a magnificent and positive manner to the refugee crisis and also the need to provide skilled tutors to teach European migrant workers English. The better that the workers of the world can communicate, the better for all in the community to understand each other. Salford is now a multi-cultural community with people from all corners of the world living happily together, just like our local football teams, have players from Africa, South Africa and Europe playing successfully together. Our teams and our communities are setting a brilliant example of peace in our time".



The new recruitment leaflet for the Salford UCRC courses has been distributed far and wide and any new students should contact the recruitment staff – Hayley on 07720 591 987 and Barbara who speaks Polish and English on 07595 082102.

The five course tutors also have a multinational background; Russia, England, Pakistan, West Indies and Africa.

Alec concluded "Like the elected Mayor of Salford and our Unions, we welcome to people of the world to our courses and into our community".

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