

Marie Brown – Train to Gain Learner of the Year!



Marie Brown, 73 years, thought that she would never be able to gain a qualification like any of her seven children. She was a kitchen assistant at the Tower Bridge Care Home in Southwark, where her manager encouraged her to do a Multi-Skilled Hospitality Level 2 qualification through Train to Gain. She has now been promoted to Assistant Chef and helps prepare the meals as well managing the kitchen in the Chef's absence.

Marie said: "I never had a qualification because my mother died when I was young and I had to help my father with nine other children. As an adult, I brought up my seven children myself and worked hard to make sure they had the best education I could give them, because I have always understood the value of education. Now, through getting my NVQ through Train to Gain, I have been able to experience the value of education myself.

"I never thought my training could help me so much or make me happier. At work I'm more efficient and fulfilled. The satisfaction, knowledge and confidence in my ability have made me more determined to do even better with my next qualification!"

Tracey Love, Trainer-Assessor from HIT Training Ltd said: "Once Marie realised that she could really achieve the first qualification of her life she worked very hard to make sure she did well, and in just three months! She is aiming to become a chef, which I'm sure she'll achieve. This wonderful lady is a real example to everyone that you can achieve more than you thought, and at any age, regardless of whatever obstacles you think you might have had in life."