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Acis bridging the skills gap

Lincolnshire based housing association Acis Group is helping to bridge the skills gap amongst the local community with the Park Springs Learning Centre. Acis, who own and manage over 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire, set out with the aim of developing the facility to provide a range of adult learning opportunities in a localised community environment.

Since opening in November 2009, the Park Springs Learning Centre in Gainsborough has seen a number of training courses offered with a whole host of learners being enrolled.

The Learning Centre is a partnership involving Acis, CG Partnership and West Lindsey District Council and is part of the ongoing development project at the Park Springs Community Centre, in the Park Springs area of the town, aimed at encouraging the community to utilise the recently refurbished facility.

The Learning Centre offers a range of courses and activities including a job club and drop-in IT sessions. The IT suite consists of eight PC stations and is accessible to adult learners aged 19 and over and members of the community. Other activities like crafts and digital photography are also offered, as well as educational courses such as maths and English.

Since the Learning Centre opened its doors to the community it has made a notable difference to a huge number of people. The 40 courses offered by the Learning Centre have resulted in 265 learners accessing them, consisting of 207 who have completed Personal Community Development Learning classes, 30 who have undertaken and completed basic skills classes, 12 who attend a job club and 16 who attend a UK Online course. Of the total of 265 learners, 15 of these have

progressed on to further learning opportunities, 10 have found suitable volunteering placements and 5 have found employment.

For more information about the Park Springs Learning Centre and the courses available contact Shira Ben on 01427 611666. The Learning Centre is located at the Park Springs Community Centre, Riseholme Road, Gainsborough, DN21 1NJ.