

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT SKILLNET & CORE

## APRIL 2010 TO MARCH 2011



### DID YOU KNOW ?

- ✓ Skillnet & CORE were shortlisted for Best Partnership Working in the Scottish Structural Funds Good Practice Awards;
- ✓ 100% of the Black Community Skills course participants would recommend the course to someone else;
- ✓ Skillnet celebrates its 15th birthday this year. Happy Birthday Skillnet!



Photos from recent graduations



## A BIG THANK YOU TO ...

- ✓ The staff of Hibernian Learning Centre;
- ✓ Jewel & Esk College and staff;
- ✓ Telford College and staff;
- ✓ McDonald Road Library and staff;
- ✓ All our external trainers;
- ✓ Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue.

Without the help of all our supporters, we would not be able to continue with the work we do.

"It has given me a positive outlook and improved my skills. It needs to run longer!"

Siobhan,  
Black Community  
Skills Course,  
December 2010

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Skillnet Edinburgh promotes the social and economic equality of minority ethnic communities through education, training and sustainable employment for an inclusive and enriched Scotland.

Black Community Skills Project is a partnership between Skillnet & CORE supporting people into employment, education or training. This project has been supported by ESF since 2007.



## MABEL HILDEBRAND REFLECTS ...



Mabel Hildebrand,  
Head of the ESF  
Lowland & Uplands  
Programme at the  
Scottish Govern-

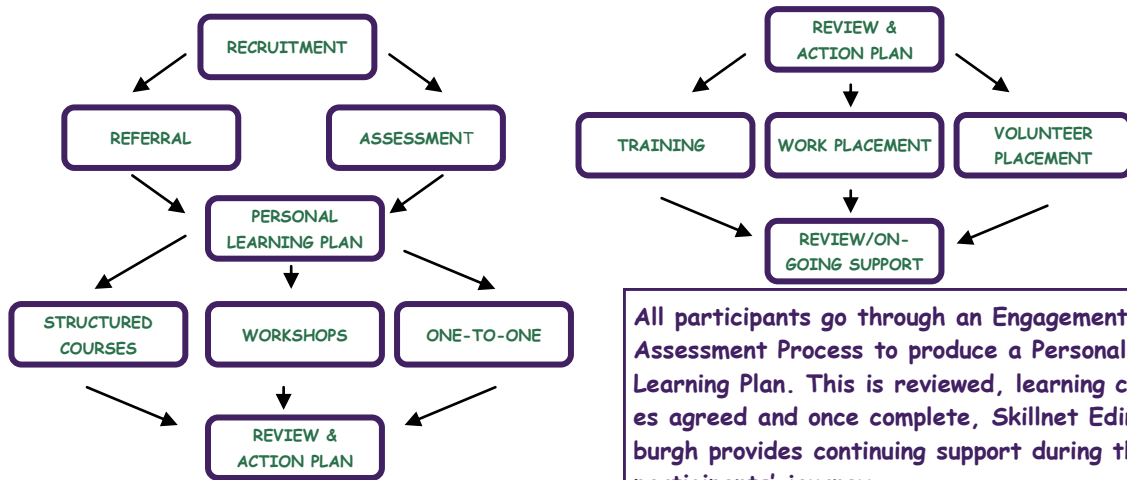
ment, retires this year. Here are her reflections on Skillnet & CORE's success...

"Over the years that Skillnet has been awarded ESF money it has epitomised the rationale for having this funding in Scotland. Skillnet links equality of opportunity to economic development at the personal, practical level

of providing the skills individuals need to tackle the barriers they face in entering work and reaching their full potential.

It has been a privilege for me to have worked with the dedicated staff at Skillnet and to meet their students at a graduation or on a project visit".

## PARTICIPANT JOURNEY



All participants go through an Engagement & Assessment Process to produce a Personal Learning Plan. This is reviewed, learning choices agreed and once complete, Skillnet Edinburgh provides continuing support during the participants' journey.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ From 2007-2009, 88% of Black Community Skills Project clients went on to Employment, Further Education and Training.

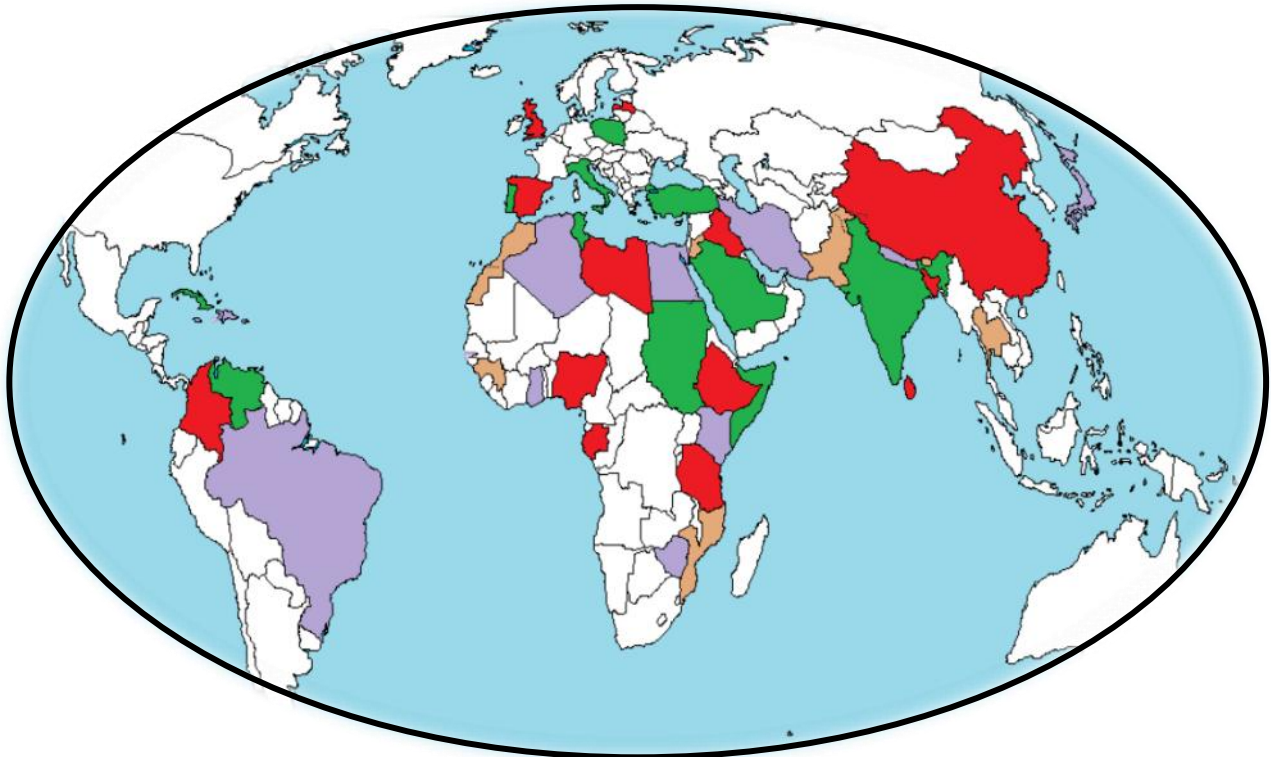
"I have learnt a lot about IT and communication skills. A real confidence boost. Overall the course has been the best"  
Nasir,  
Black Community Skills Course, June 2010

### EYE OPENER FOR COMMISSION ...



Last year, we were visited by the European Commission. The Commission stated "your presentation provided an informative and thought provoking afternoon. The accounts given by your trainees were a real "eye opener" for all".

# DID YOU KNOW?



- ✓ From 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011, more than 120 new clients registered for help with Skillnet Edinburgh;
- ✓ They represent 4 out of the world's 7 continents;
- ✓ They represent 42 countries spanning Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas;
- ✓ Our website [www.skillnetedinburgh.org.uk](http://www.skillnetedinburgh.org.uk) keeps you up to date with all our news!

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