



## **EVENT PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW SKILLS PROVES A HIT**

An initiative set up to help unemployed residents and people looking for new skills has been hailed a success.

The event in Clacton attracted 59 people looking for support and advice on a new job, new skills or wanting to retrain.

And 14 of those who went along – almost 25 per cent – booked onto a training course.

The drop-in session was organised by Community Voluntary Services Tendring on behalf of the Tendring Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

People had a chance to discuss a number of issues with organisations such as Jobcentre Plus, local colleges, Signpost, Volunteer Centre for Tendring and Community Voluntary Services Tendring.

David Lines, Chairman of the Tendring LSP, said the feedback on the event had been very positive.

“The survey carried out among those who attended revealed they found it worthwhile and interesting and they would like further contact in the future,” he said.

“The majority of people had not received any training in the past three years and the fact 14 signed up for courses on the day was excellent. It was the main reason given for attending.”

Cllr Lines said he was very grateful to CVS Tendring – which is a member of the LSP - for organising the initiative and looked forward to further events in the future.

“The recession has led to difficult times for many of our residents in Tendring and anything positive we can do to help them in this way is to be very much welcomed,” he said.

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