

Andrea's Story – Numeracy and Literacy Volunteer - Creative Learning, Ledbury

My background - An experienced primary school teacher and SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) I wanted to continue using my skills after retiring from full time teaching.

Several friends who worked at Pound Farm told me that volunteers were needed for Literacy and Numeracy Sessions.

Each person we support has individual learning needs and it is beneficial for them to have as much support as possible in Numeracy and Literacy sessions. I am able to support and encourage the people we support, enabling them to achieve their potential.

Having taught children in a main stream setting all of my teaching career, I have learned ways to work with adults who have more complex needs.

I have volunteered at Creative Learning for the past six years and have enjoyed the challenge of working with the people we support. It has given me a sense purpose and routine and I have benefitted personally from getting to know the people we support, staff and other volunteers.