



Employers can find more workplace learning tips, tools and resources on READ's website at www.readsociety.bc.ca/workplace.htm, through the Community Social Planning Council, and from Bridges for Women.

Confidence grows with training

The SkillsPlus program has given Linda Allward the chance to improve her skills, and she sees good things on the horizon.

“My main focus is to improve myself,” she says.

Currently working on-call stuffing flyers into newspapers, Linda is hoping that learning new skills can help her find a permanent, full-time job.

Linda has been able to come to the READ Society for help with her writing and spelling. “My spelling has improved a lot,” she says. In the past, Linda says she has had difficulty learning in classroom and group situations, but the one-one-one attention she gets at READ has made a big difference.

Helen Thomas, a workplace educator at READ, says Linda’s learning confidence has grown during her sessions. “Linda is very enthusiastic and she has made great progress. Through SkillsPlus, Linda completed her FoodSafe Training Program for Food Handlers as well as increasing her Essential Skills.”

Almost 80 people will receive workplace training offered by READ through a partnership with the Community Social Planning Council and Bridges for Women Society. Funding for the SkillsPlus program is provided through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement.

With the foundation in learning she has received through READ, Linda is taking a customer service training course which could help her find a job in retail. She is also interested in home care work, and is considering further training.

Today, she is excited about new possibilities. “There are no words that I can say to thank you for helping me to stand on my own feet.”



A confident Linda Allward.