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Meeting the Mayor in Ellesmere Port

Our newest baby was a year old on the 4th September. The Connect Learning Centre, on Whitby Road in Ellesmere Port, has become a focal point for adult learning in "The Port" and has yielded many success stories. So, as proud parent (the Centre's Business Development Manager), I decided the first birthday should be celebrated with a party.

Topping the list of local luminaries were the Mayor of Ellesmere Port, Councillor Tony Sherlock and Colin Charlton, our CEO. Sipping coffee and munching chocolate biscuits were some of the brilliant learners who we have helped take advantage of free government funding to become more employable. They impressed the Mayor and Mayoress with their learning and skills.

Our Area Managers were there too; ready to begin interviewing local candidates with Colin for a new post in the Centre. Colin explained to the Mayor that we endeavour to employ local people and proudly introduced a glowing Debra Smith, one of the first learners through the doors of our new centre, now an assessor for our NVQ programme.

At 10.30, the Mayor departed, leaving the washing up but assuring us that he would be back to take a computer course when his term of office ended next year.

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