

This testimonial refers to 'Learning for Life', which was the name of the school before we re-branded in 2013. 'DC', the author, came to us as an adult in his twenties, with his own business already established, for us to teach him how to read. We went back to square one and seeing his confidence and sense of self-worth develop was 'the wind beneath our wings'.

This is his story, in his own words, by his own hand on the keyboard...

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I was a bit nervous before starting Learning For Life. But from the moment I met the staff, especially my first teacher, I felt like I was in my own environment. They made me feel comfortable. One of the key things that made me feel EXTRMEMELY comfortable was one of the first things my first teacher said to me: "All I have to say is you are a very brave person. There are a lot of people have this problem who don't want to come forward because they are scared. And honestly I am very proud of you." PROUD: that was the winner for me. In fact, all of my teachers have been very focused on my needs; they don't treat me like I am an idiot.

I remember the morning of my first class clearly; from that morning MY LIFE CHANGED. The environment was very relaxing; there was nothing to be nervous about. From the first class when I did the THRASS programme; I saw a huge difference. After my first class I was smiling non-stop all day. I saw things differently. I saw letters and words differently. Before I went there I could not read. Now I can read. My problem is not that I am stupid; but that my previous teachers were not paying enough attention to me.

Learning for Life – the name speaks for itself. When I walk away from there I feel amazing. I have a positive attitude towards everything. I am more confident than ever. I go into places with confidence: read instructions, fill out forms, choose what I want from menus...

I would recommend Learning For Life to anyone with a reading problem. After your first session you will feel ten times better. Honestly, Learning For Life is a wonderful place. It has changed my life. And I hope when I have children it is still running.

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