

2018 Winner of Manningham Business Excellence Awards



Our centre was thrilled to receive a Business Excellence Award from the Manningham Business Network.

This is a great honour and acknowledges businesses that achieve positive outcomes in their business and community.

We would like to thank our staff, board members, volunteers, trainers and of course students for all you do to make our organisation an integral part of the local community.

We strive to live up to our mission which is to provide quality community engagement through social, recreational and learning activities.

We offer a variety of community classes, free clubs, vocational education and training, childcare and volunteer opportunities to empower our community members to live a life they love.

During 2017/2018 more than 520 people a week visited our organisation.

Park Orchards Community House & Learning Centre is a Not-For-Profit organisation that provides a comprehensive program of quality community engagement services and activities for people of all ages in our local community.

With funding and grants sourced from State and Local governments and fee-for-service revenue we deliver our program. We provide this inclusive program in a friendly and welcoming manner that meets, and responds to the needs of our community.

We provide the opportunity for people to realise their goals, whether they are training for a new career, getting fit and healthy, learning a new skill or just want some "me" time whilst their children are well cared for. We do this through the programs we offer such as:

- Community Classes - a large range of art, craft, language, music, fitness and technology, for preschoolers, primary schoolers, tweens, teens and adults of all ages and abilities.
- Free Clubs promoting social engagement and healthy activity, including access to the library and the community garden.
- Vocational Education and Training for those wanting qualifications that will enhance their career prospects.
- Childcare in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Free, subsidised and low cost activities for those facing financial barriers to participation.
- Opportunities to volunteer in our organisation and make a positive difference in someone else's life.
- Classes for those with Acquired Brain Injury and other all-ability activities

Our greatest success is the recommendation house users make to their friends, encouraging them to join a course or an activity with us.

Our unique selling point is that we continue to provide face-to-face training and learning for our community, when many of our competitors have moved their business to online training. Online training is a great "money saver" for organisations, but a poor learning environment for most people. Unlike other organisations, we are able to offer something for every member of the family, regardless of age, gender, interests or financial constraints.

Our students are our community, they become our friends, and we support them along their lifelong learning journey.



BEA | BUSINESS
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS
M A N N I N G H A M
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE 2018