

University Place for Creative Writing Student

Gina Parsons is a student on “Starting to Write Fiction” our Thursday morning Creative Writing course at South Portslade Community Centre.

Gina left school with 3 GCSEs but never quite gave up on her dream of going to university. Now, thanks to her hard work, this is becoming a reality. Here is Gina’s story in her own words. We are very pleased that a Portslade course has inspired Gina to take this life-changing step.

All About Me!

Having spent the last 12 years in various unfulfilling accounts and office based roles as well as raising three children, last year I decided I would aim to do something a little bit different.

In September 2008 I joined the Creative Writing course run by Portslade Community College. Prior to joining I had only done as much as to make random notes about short story ideas I had and never really understood how to bring notes together into a workable story. Since joining not only have I learnt how to develop ideas into readable stories, but I have also met a wonderful range of people who have helped inspire and encourage me to write.

This course has been fundamental in my decision to take the plunge into higher education and eventually into a complete change of career – one that is more fulfilling.

Thanks to an offer of a place at The University of Chichester to study full-time on their BA (Hons) English & Creative Writing course, this coming September I will be one step closer to realising a long-since-buried ambition to become a teacher.

My biggest regret to date is that I didn’t follow the correct route into university when I left school at sixteen. Now, sixteen years later, I am ready to undertake that challenge.

Well done and good luck to Gina from all at PCC.