

A tropical beach scene at sunset. The sky is filled with large, dark clouds illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a vibrant palette of orange, pink, and purple. The ocean is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the foreground, a sandy beach is scattered with dark rocks. To the left, a dense thicket of green tropical vegetation, including several tall palm trees, frames the scene.

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# Comments from Mariana

I started my journey with Adult College of Barking and Dagenham as a student back in 2018. I joined a Digital Skills course because I thought that it is my turn to improve my skills and to use my diplomas from Romania (I had to stay at home to raise my 2 boys). I used to be a teacher back home and I didn't want to waste all my years and hard work. I continued joining Functional Skills courses, Maths and English, Employability Skills course, Teacher Assistant course (Level 1 only because I had all my Teacher qualifications from Romania) and in December 2019, I started volunteering in the college. I must admit that it wasn't easy dealing with so many courses and family at the same time, but I carried on believing in myself. All these years being in the college, I had so many models to learn from: Harjit, Sharon Collier, Bahia Khalef, Ayesha Ahad, Gill Haskey, Karen Yarnell, Shomi Begum, Queenie Chow. I used to sit down at my desk and dream that one day I can become their colleague and accomplish my goal. And it happened. In February 2020, I applied for an ESOL Tutor job at the college and successfully I got it. I am an ESOL Tutor since September 2020, I love my job and I enjoy being part of Adult College of Barking and Dagenham.

