

# Making sure it all computes

COMPUTING equipment will be high on many people's lists for presents this year. So it's reassuring to know that expert help is on hand locally in case there are any technical hitches.

"Whether you require a service for your computer, want an engineer to visit you at home, need to repair your smartphone or just want some friendly help and advice, the technical team at Greenwich Communication Centre is here to help you," said its director, Lorraine Turton.

Her firm in Trafalgar Road has recently become a social enterprise, and its service centre will now be helping to create jobs and provide training for young people locally.

"We have a rolling rota for long-term unemployed people," said Lorraine.

"We can offer them work experience and training. It's our commitment. We are offering a number of placements each year, and we offered a permanent job to our last candidate, and we are having two new ones starting shortly.

"We are offering opportunities for between four and six long-term unemployed people each year, and demonstrating that mainstream business can have a social conscience while still being successful."

The business also offers data recovery services, computer skills training, remote office facilities - and an internet café with a secure wi-fi network so people can work comfortably away from home.

"We also hold in-house events such

as the 'Friday Jelly', our casual, co-working event, where freelancers, digital nomads and entrepreneurs come together to work for the day, when they might otherwise work in isolation," said Lorraine, who is also chair of the East Greenwich Traders association.

"The Jelly creates an open, ideas-driven workspace which can supplement the social interaction many miss out on if they work from home or in a more rigid office environment. From time to time we also have trainers delivering workshops on subjects such as social media skills and other workshops of business interest."

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