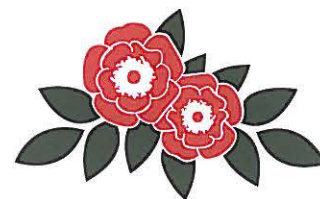


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Talented Linda shapes a great future for herself

Local sculptor Linda Erliz has won a prestigious award for her work within the local East Lancashire Community.

Linda, 35, from Colne has been awarded the Tom Buckroyd Prize by the University of Central Lancashire, where she is studying for a degree in Sculpture. The prize, worth £500, is named in memory of another former art student at the University, who died tragically in 1997.

Linda has taken her work to local schools, including her old school Trawden Primary, where she has held a workshop, and Addingham Middle School in Yorkshire, where her sculptures are on display.

Before becoming a student, she worked with a different kind of clay, as a self-employed gardener. Personal circumstances, and the desire to fulfil a life-long dream, led her to enrol as a student at the University in Preston.

“I have always wanted to train as a sculptor”, said Linda. “When I have finished the course I may decide to take a further degree or start teacher training. I would also like to exhibit my own work.”

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Please note: Photos of Linda Erliz and her sculptures are available from Pam Culley, Media and Promotion Office on tel: 01772 892486 (digital images only)