



## Meet the two Marias.

Maria Correia from Portugal and Maria Borta from Moldova are two ESOL students who attend the Cornerstone for weekly English lessons with Tutor Kulwinda Farar.

Maria B, a former Geography teacher and keen seamstress has been attending the Cornerstone for one and a half years. To improve her English and confidence, for the past 4 months Maria has been volunteering in our Cafe for 4 hours per week on Wednesday and Thursdays. She is happy that there are so many services provided at the Cornerstone all under one roof. She is registered with a GP here and has also used the notice board to advertise as a seamstress and has already had some business as a result. She is happy that the ESOL course here is free as she feels they can be so expensive elsewhere.

Maria C has been attending classes at the Cornerstone for the past 3 months. She is passionate about cooking and loves to travel and try new foods. She cooks a variety of dishes including Indian, Portuguese and African. She is hoping to do some more classes and maybe some volunteering in the future. She feels that the Cornerstone is a good place with lots of things to do where she can learn English, meet people and make friends.