

# hello there!



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## NEW

### member profile

Gerry Thornton started his not for profit computer training company, 'iComputeIT' last September, having been made redundant from his job in the City where he'd worked for 31 years.

*"After being made redundant I decided not to seek similar employment in the City and to try to give something back to my local community by using my skills to teach basic computing skills to the over 50's,"* said Gerry.

Having spent most of his working life in IT Gerry came up with the idea after showing his Mother and her friends how to keep in touch with their relatives abroad.

His decision to break away from City life was also influenced by a trip to Calcutta

in 2007 where he worked with street children in a mobile school; an experience which he says was very humbling.

The company recently ran two 8 week courses in Leigh-on-Sea and will shortly be holding FREE taster sessions in Canvey, Rayleigh, Thorpe Bay and Rochford with a view to holding 8 week training courses in these areas too.

Gerry continued, *"I believe social enterprises offer a wonderful and viable alternative to the sometimes greedy and faceless corporations in our country today and I would welcome working alongside other organisations in the Social Enterprise Family."*



Gerry Thornton of 'iComuteIT' with some of his trainees

For more details about 'iComputeIT' visit [www.icomputeit.co.uk](http://www.icomputeit.co.uk) or call 01983 898881