Case Study: Angela

By taking part in the Linguacuisine project, Angela feels she has had an opportunity to renew her IT skills. Angela is an IT teacher, but working with the app has helped her develop her knowledge of specific tools; for example, she describes how she was, 'really interested in how the authoring tool was going to be created'. She notes that software advances all the time, so when running into technical difficulties during the project it 'makes your brain work having to try and see if you can solve the problem'.

Angela has learned some new recipes, and has tried the peanut butter chicken recipe outside of the workshops; she describes the chicken as 'beautiful and I've made that three times'. The Linguacuisine project has also helped her to meet new people, and, 'it's made me appreciate more how people who've come into England who don't have English as a first language'. Angela says she has difficulties learning a new language, so she admires how people who have come to England speak, write and understand the English language.

Angela is quite positive about what she can use the knowledge she has gained from the project to do. She feels 'inspired' and has 'lots of sparks there again', and she is looking to upgrade her IT skills further. Moreover, Angela has ideas of how she can apply her knowledge to her home situation. She has had the idea to create her own app to help a relative in her eighties. Her relative is 'having difficulty doing things so I thought I could have an app on a tablet for her cooking [as] a prompt' using photographs to aid her understanding, and Angela has created sketches for ideas based on the sessions she has had during the Linguacuisine project.