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£1million project management contract starts!

March marks the beginning of Pathways 2 Progression, boost's new £1m project

boost has been working hard in preparation for the start of a new European Social Fund (ESF) London Development Agency (LDA) co-financing Youth programme contract called Pathways 2 Progression (P2P).



As project managers for P2P, boost will guide and support four delivery partners:

- asphaleia care
- Central Eltham Youth Project (CEYP)
- Phoenix Community Care (PCC)
- Shaw Trust

P2P will work with a total of 850 young people across London aged 14 – 19, who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) or who are at risk of becoming NEET. The project will support

young people into employment and offers work experience, skills development and one-to-one mentoring support.

“The last couple of weeks have been very busy for the team as final preparations were made to ensure a smooth start to P2P”, explains Emma Hotston, boost manager.

boost organised and delivered training for the delivery partners, including a session on how to engage employers. The team also developed project plans, paperwork and monitoring systems.

“It was great to get the partners together. The training was a big success because we all shared our specialist knowledge and experience, which I am confident will make P2P even more effective”, explains Bruce McCombie, boost consultant.



A Myers-Briggs boost

The boost team is gearing up for a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) training session in early April.

MBTI is a personality framework tool based on the work of Carl Jung, which provides insight into personality types and how we make decisions.

“The MBTI training will be a great tool for using with our clients for organisational development work and also the team's own self-development”, explains David Cottrell, senior boost consultant.

boost already has two team members accredited to deliver Belbin team role testing; an effective tool for team leaders and managers to learn more about the individual strengths of their team.

To find out more about how we can boost your team's success please call us on 01903 228092.



Aiming for a record fundraising year!

The boost team has a long history of successful fundraising for clients, with over £6 million raised since 2004.

In 2010 boost is aiming for a record year in raising funds for clients including charities, community organisations and other not-for-profit clients.

In the first few months of 2010, boost has already written funding applications to:

- Comic Relief
- The Big Lottery - Reaching Communities
- The Youth of Today - Leadership Fund
- Association of Learning Providers
- The Learning and Skills Improvement Service
- The John Paul Getty Jnr. Trust
- West Sussex County Council
- Children in Need
- A number of small trusts/foundations

These have been for a range of organisations as part of fundraising contracts, ad hoc work and long term arrangements with clients.

“Many organisations which exist to support people who are disadvantaged or work in particular communities are almost totally reliant on the funding they receive from trusts and charities.

“Writing applications can be very time consuming and complicated. Our services ensure that clients have the best possible chance of receiving funding through well written applications which make funders sit up and take notice of their projects!” says Ellie, boost consultant.

To discuss your own fundraising needs with us, please call 01903 228092 or email emma@boostconsultancy.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The boost team is celebrating after winning ‘venture of the year’ at the annual asphaleia awards ceremony.

- boost manager, Emma Hotston is also celebrating after winning ‘staff member of the year’ at the awards ceremony

- boost has just started working on a contract to write a new business plan and also develop the fundraising strategy for a leading voluntary sector organisation in London

- David Cottrell, boost senior consultant, has recently extended a contract to mentor the Chief Executive of a London-based community organisation

An organisational development boost

The team has been busy supporting organisational change and development at another London-based community organisation

boost is pleased to be working with a key community organisation in Woolwich, supporting them in their organisational development.

boost began this work in January and has been providing staff development, interim management, leadership guidance and board development.

"This is a great opportunity to achieve real organisational development and change with the staff and board of this respected and established organisation," explains senior boost consultant, David Cottrell.

All of boost's consultants who are working on this contract are using their special areas of expertise to deliver this contract.

Emma has been working directly with all members of the organisation's staff, undertaking supervision, coaching managers and developing structures for training and recruitment.

Ellie has been carrying out on-site consultancy work at the organisation's offices, revising policies and providing interim management support.

David has been working very closely with the board on individual and group development, supporting them in developing a clear strategy and business plan for the next three to five years of operation.

Hayley has started developing a recruitment process to implement the organisation's new structure.

The whole team is excited about delivering this contract and supporting the organisation through this period of change and growth.

For more information about the support boost could offer your organisation, please get in touch on 01903 228093 or eleanor@boostconsultancy.co.uk

boost factfile



booster - Bruce McCombie

title - consultant

quals - Masters Degree in Sociology

experience - Bruce has experience of using qualitative and quantitative research methods, including in depth interviewing. Bruce has a good understanding of project management and has delivered numerous training sessions.

currently working on - Bruce is busy working on boost's largest project management contract to date, and is providing ongoing technical support to a range of clients. Bruce is also working on large funding applications for an international charity.

why boost? - "I was very attracted to the job because of the variety of work and the opportunity to support a diverse mix of clients. I also really identified with the values of the organisation. Looking forward, I am excited about how boost continues to grow!"

something extra - After graduating, Bruce lived in Japan for two years where he taught English in a Japanese high school and was an active volunteer and fundraiser.

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Welcome back Hayley!

boost welcomes back Hayley from her seven month sabbatical

boost is delighted to be welcoming back Hayley from her globe-trotting career break.



In September 2009 Hayley took off on a round the world trip with nothing but her poorly packed backpack, Lonely Planet guides and a nervous smile!

"It was an amazing trip, truly life changing and I would recommend anyone to do it!", explains Hayley, boost consultant.

Highlights of the trip included learning to scuba dive in the warm waters of the Thailand Gulf, driving a 4x4 along the Great Ocean Road in Australia and being

proposed to opposite Franz Josef glacier in New Zealand!

"Refreshed from my trip, I am ready to get back to work - my brain needs challenging and it's time I got used to having an alarm clock again.

"It is incredibly exciting being back because boost has changed so much! There are big new projects, new clients and also a bigger team!", she adds.

Just back and Hayley's in-tray is already overflowing with work. Hayley is working on a new fundraising strategy and business plan for a client in Greenwich and is busy developing a marketing campaign for a fostering agency.

To contact Hayley, email: hayley@boostconsultancy.co.uk

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