

# asphaleia boost

delivering support services to a range of organisations and projects

## Research at boost

boost have recently completed five research projects. For any organisation research is an invaluable tool. From identifying new areas of potential work and gaps in the market, to highlighting important new developments in an area of work, research is essential to any organisation, seeking to enhance their service delivery.

The boost team have been commissioned to complete research projects since our beginnings in 2004. However, since the arrival of two new members of staff in summer 2006, our capacity to deliver high quality research projects has increased. Carly Crawford and Radha Rajkotia are both experienced researchers, who bring a range of skills and knowledge to this essential area of service delivery.

boost's recent research projects include:  
- Researching the needs and barriers facing young refugee and asylum seeking women

- Evaluating the employment challenges facing the unemployed BME population aged 19+ in Sussex

**"boost listened"** - Evaluating the challenges facing Migrant Workers, their families and their employers in the horticultural industry

- Market research for an independent fostering agency in Sussex

- Mapping of local venues for a project run by Chichester College

"boost recently wrote a piece of research for our new training project for migrant workers," explains client Becky Whitfield-Davies, Director of a-training.



boost consultant Carly Crawford

"They were calm under pressure, accurate and professional. Most importantly, however, they listened first and asked questions that highlighted their understanding of our needs."

If you would like to find out how boost's research team could support your organisation, you can speak to Carly on 01903 228093 or email her at [carlycrawford@asphaleia.co.uk](mailto:carlycrawford@asphaleia.co.uk).

## Get yourself an online boost

asphaleia boost has burst back onto the digital scene with a brand new, stylish website

The site, launched in February 2007, details the services we offer, information about our team and, most importantly, gives you a chance to see what our clients have to say.

"asphaleia boost is now firmly established as a provider of support services to a range of organisations and projects," explains Executive Director David Cottrell.

"Having built up experience in delivery over the past few years it is the right time to start telling people about what we can offer their organisations. Whilst we are very busy we want the name out there where people can identify us and our unique supportive way of approaching new work and projects, by

being impact driven and not focused on making a profit.

"Our website aims to be highly informative, but simple in style giving visitors an effortless experience. Like all that we do we hope both website and newsletter enhance the working worlds of all who read them at some point and people continue to associate asphaleia boost with positive experiences of consultants," he added.

To take a look for yourself please visit our site [www.a-boost.co.uk](http://www.a-boost.co.uk)



### The boost team have just completed...

- ...two project evaluations; now working on a further two
- ...fostering market research
- ...two training events for a local charity
- ...two successful bids raising £130,000 for Sussex and West London based projects

### boost bits...

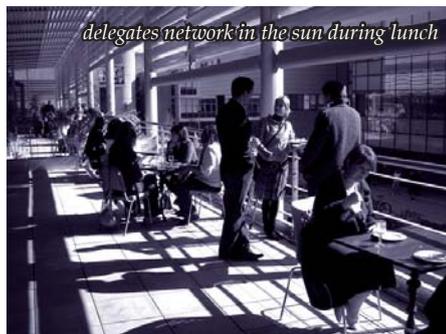
- **walking 10,000 miles:** the boost team have travelled over 10,000 miles so far this year supporting various organisations
- **spruce up your site:** consultant Hayley Cottrell has recently edited the ChangeUp Greenwich website. To find out how boost could develop your website into a key marketing & resource tool please contact [hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk](mailto:hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk)
- **fundraising:** to date boost has raised over £3m for a range of projects & organisations, could we do the same for you? find out more @ [www.a-boost.co.uk](http://www.a-boost.co.uk)

# boost hosts "hit" training events for Sussex charity

**In early 2007 the boost team organised two Department of Health funded training events on behalf of a local charity**

The successful events, aimed at those working with unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) under-16 in foster care, were held in Sussex and London in March and were attended by over 80 delegates.

"The events were a great opportunity for people working with UASC to access



delegates network in the sun during lunch

free training which was specific to their needs," explained a-action charity manager Katerina Stylianou-Rodger.

"The boost team delivered their services in the best way possible. They located and invited all the delegates, viewed and booked the venues and marketed the event. They took care of everything - from booking the catering, to designing the marketing, to dealing with the technical support - I didn't have to worry about anything apart from getting my words right!"

To read a post conference report or to find out more about any future events hosted by asphaleia boost or events boost can host for you please email [hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk](mailto:hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk).

## boost events...

**The boost team are organising two national conferences this autumn**

On Wednesday 24 October at The Royal Horticultural Halls in Central London, we are hosting a training conference on unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and the issue of returns. ***Developing best practice - Equipping those working with UASC who face the increased reality of returns*** will be a cutting edge conference, addressing the issues and anxieties around working with UASC who may be returned to their country of origin.

On Thursday 8 November at Austin Court in Birmingham, we will host ***Looked After Children and attainment: working towards changing the picture***, a conference about LAC and their educational attainment. The recent green paper on the attainment of LAC is high on every Local Authority's agenda but despite this, new initiatives are needed to radically change the statistics. This conference aims to stimulate learning and discussion for those working with LAC facing the challenges of attainment.

"Both of these conferences promise to be stimulating and creative days," explains events manager Hayley Cottrell. "Here at boost we aim to creatively involve young people in every conference we do, be impressively organised and we always aim to tell our delegates something they didn't know before."

For more information on these, or any other conferences or events boost is hosting please contact Hayley on 01903 228094 or email [hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk](mailto:hayleycottrell@asphaleia.co.uk).

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## boost factfile



**booster** - Radha Rajkotia

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**quals** - DPhil in Geography

(Migration Studies),

2003 – present;

MSc in Social Research

Methods; MA in Migration

Studies

**experience** - Radha has

studied a range of qualitative

and quantitative research

methods from broad-based

surveying techniques to

designing and using in-depth

interview schedules

**currently working on** -

finalising a boost research

protocol; supervising several

research projects, including

researching the needs of BME

NEET young people

**something extra** - Radha

co-ordinated the

establishment of a new

agricultural-skills training

project for young, separated

girls living on the outskirts of

Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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