

asphaleia training

asphaleia training provides training opportunities, resources and training facilities. We believe positive learning experiences develop young people and can have life changing impacts

asphaleia training launches new site

asphaleia training is pleased to announce the launch of their brand new website.

The site, designed by Firefly Creative, will ensure asphaleia training can promote its services to a much wider audience.

"The brand new site is brilliant," says training manager Katerina Stylianou-Rodger. "It now means we have an online presence and can ensure other organisations and service users can have easy access to information on the programmes we offer.

"The opportunities the site has opened to us are really exciting," she adds.

The website, www.asphaleia.co.uk, offers users the opportunity to find out what programmes are currently running, apply for vacancies, catch up on the latest training news and engage

with staff through the contact us and enquiry forms.

"We have so many plans for the site," explains Katerina. "We want to find new and innovative ways to interact with our service users.

"One day, in the not so distant future, we hope to have a site purely designed for the learners we provide services to, which might include downloadable resources, as well as a forum to chat to each other."

The new asphaleia site has now brought website production in house, as the editing software for the site was designed to be used in house. This

brings control of the site directly to training staff – which provides a great challenge in keeping the information fresh, as well as a great opportunity and low cost marketing tool.

The website is also home to all the other asphaleia ventures – there is also a place for you to donate to our charity should you wish to.



Why asphaleia for me

Hi, I am Punita Shah, centre co-ordinator of a highly motivated organisation working with vulnerable children and young people. I would like to share my story and tell you why I work with asphaleia.

Ever since I can remember, I have always loved to work with young people. I believe it is really important to give back something to the community as it makes me feel proud and satisfied.



I feel very fortunate to have got an opportunity for working in asphaleia because it involves impacting lives of children and young people. In asphaleia, we do not just help young people to achieve their educational goals but also give them emotional support.

Working with people from different backgrounds gives me an opportunity to learn about different cultures and be flexible towards their needs. We try to create a welcoming and homely environment for disadvantaged young people.

I greatly enjoy working with people who share a common goal and where everyone is very committed, caring and you're part of an inspiring team.

Punita Shah

training news

- training will be delivering a programme called 'Skills Boost' under West Sussex's KS4 Engagement Programme in September
- training is delivering Skills for Life accredited courses to employees in the workplace
- Congratulations to Punita Shah who has been promoted to Centre Coordinator. in our Uxbridge centre
- training was awarded venture of the Year at Asphaleia staff awards - well done to all the team on their hard work in 2008!

For more news: www.asphaleia.co.uk

Now I have a future

A young person shares their story

"When I came from Afghanistan, I was accommodated in Charville Lane one of the houses for unaccompanied asylum seekers. My key worker referred me to asphaleia Learning Centre, where



Young person pictured is model

I started attending ESOL and I.C.T classes. So asphaleia was the starting point of my educational journey in U.K. asphaleia proved to be more than just a learning centre. Besides helping me to improve my English and I.C.T skills the staff helped me to progress to school.

"asphaleia helped me to get used to the learning environment in U.K, so that when I progressed to school I was mentally prepared. I made many friends in asphaleia and the general environment in asphaleia is very welcoming and supportive. I know that whenever I need help of any sort asphaleia is always there to guide me. My teachers were particularly helpful.

"Now I am doing G.C.S.E in school and studying English, Science, Maths, History and Geography. I also am a key player in Hillingdon Borough football club. I wish to be either a dentist or professional football player in the future."

Reflecting on our practice

Last Autumn asphaleia training were awarded a grant from the Children's Workforce Development Council to carry out a piece of research, focused on integrated working.

"We chose to look at the perceived benefits of the Entry to Employment (e2e) programme to young people in their current place of learning or employment," explains Vanessa Potter, who led the research process.

asphaleia training's e2e programme delivers training to young people who left education without achieving Level 2 qualifications and aims to develop skills for employment or further education.

During the process 10 past learners were interviewed using focus groups, 1:1 'learning journey' metaphor timelines and 'distance travelled' self-assessment

charts. They were asked to recall, reflect upon and evaluate their learning experience.

"Several key developmental themes were raised which related to personal, social, employability and basic skills," explains Vanessa. "The young people were very clear about the benefits of attending e2e outlining the importance of being given the tools and opportunities to overcome personal barriers to progression and learning."

Overwhelmingly apparent was the perceived value of increased confidence, direction, motivation, self belief and new social relationships. Learners left the course feeling empowered and motivated by a new found sense of self belief enabling them to either face new challenges. For more information on e2e please visit our website.

training factfile



training member - Jurgita Sereikaite

title - Project Worker

qualifications - BA in Politics

experience - project worker at asphaleia training...this is my first job out of University!

currently working on - Youth, Engage, Support (YES) project, providing Information, Advise and Guidance sessions to support young people in making informed decisions to successfully progress to education, employment or training.

something extra - Graduated at Music school, I play Lithuanian national instrument called Kankles. I have a passion for folk music and dance. I am also a member of United Nations Association and Amnesty International.

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