

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

New services begin in London

New projects to engage young people are launched in West London

asphaleia training are very pleased to announce we are expanding our training service with two brand new projects launching in West London this month.

Youth, Engage, Support (YES) and Time to Learn (T2L), both funded by the Learning and Skills Council and European Social Fund, will work with young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), providing unique learning and mentoring opportunities.

West London Project Worker Jurgita Sereikaite says: "This is a great opportunity for us to make an impact on young people's lives.

"This age group is particularly vulnerable. These young people need to have a mentor around them who will provide essential support to keep them focused

on achieving and succeeding, hopefully leading to positive destinations."

YES aims to engage 130 young people over two and a half years. By providing Information, Advice and Guidance to each young person, YES predominantly focuses on offering intense individualised holistic support and creating new prospects for the young people to step forward in the best possible direction.



Learners on our projects in London

T2L is a learning based project. It will deliver various courses to young people aged 16-19 who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET. It will also provide one-to-one mentoring support to ensure learners progress into positive destinations.

These new projects will see asphaleia training delivering services in London for the first time.

"The advantage of the new projects is they embrace a wider spectrum of young people from diverse backgrounds and walks of life," explains Tutor Neel Kahlon.

"It will have a lasting impact on a wide range of vulnerable young people." For more info: www.a-training.co.uk

e2e shifts focus

Our Entry 2 Employment (E2E) has always prided itself in its learning centred approach to delivery holding learner needs at its core. Changes in delivery have allowed us to work in partnership with Worthing and Northbrook colleges, to take our delivery to the next level.

According to Senior Project Worker Vanessa Potter this has been put in to place due to the emerging acknowledgement of varying learner needs within the E2E client group, including the realisation that providing distinct programmes which address specific goals and aspirations will help increase motivation and increase engagement.

"Our learners face a number of complex issues including bullying, low self esteem, lacking confidence,

homelessness, bereavement, living in care, learning disabilities, substance misuse, anger management, depression and mental health disorders...to name but a few," she explains.

"By addressing these barriers to learning and progression through group work and mentoring alongside educational targets, we hope to create a brighter future for the young people we work with."

E2E offers the young people we work with a second chance by acting as a stepping stone getting young people back on track to fulfil their potential armed with increased confidence, new qualifications and motivation.

Through education, mentoring support and confidence building, our goal is to

help our young people find the direction they need. Contact Vanessa for more info: 01903 823546

training news

- Our first NVQ programme was an amazing success with 10 full qualifications achieved
 - Our budding e2e sailors get ready to set sail next week - bon voyage and congratulations!
 - Our first JCP classes in Littlehampton are attracting a positive response from both professionals and beneficiaries. We look forward to the exciting year ahead.
 - Training team members begin their own training embarking on NVQs in IAG, Business Management Training and First Aid.
 - We are pleased to welcome three new members of staff to our team - details soon!
- For more news: www.a-training.co.uk

Studying this Summer

asphaleia training deliver Summer programme for vulnerable young people

Asphaleia Training's new projects ON2 & UP2 got off to a great start with a summer engagement programme.

Twenty-three young people, mostly asylum seeking minors and migrant children, have been able to access four hours per week of English tuition.

The support is invaluable for these young people. "Six weeks is a long time to go without any formal input if you are trying to learn a language," explains Amy Pedder, Senior Project Worker.

"The summer programme makes sure the students progress won't slow down over the holiday period."

To complement the English lessons we organize a weekly activity. So far the young people have been pottery painting, bowling and have taken part in team building games at Adur Outdoor Activity Centre. In the next two weeks they will be going to Brighton to play volleyball and go kayaking along the Adur river.

"Come September most of these young people will be moving into mainstream education," concludes Amy.

"The ON2 and UP2 summer engagement programme will mean they start the new academic year with renewed confidence and improved communication skills!"

Meet some of our JCP learners...

"I was a single parent for three and a half years bringing up my son Dante. Although I had a few GCSE'S, my education had been on hold for a while. The JCP course has helped me with my confidence and helped me to remember all I learned at school. When I first started I found learning quite difficult, but well on the way to getting my level 2 qualifications and looking for an admin job." *Toby*

"I felt under confident when I first started the JCP course particularly with my English and Social Skills. I'd been in several jobs but found it difficult to hold a job down. My Literacy, Numeracy and social skills have now improved so much. I have managed to improve my CV as I was underselling my skills for work. I hope to get a permanent job and pass my Level 1 and ECDL!" *Gavin*

"I was very quiet when I first started the course but now I'm more confident with Maths and I'm not worried about asking for help. Employability has helped me with my social skills and interview techniques." *Paul*

"I was nervous coming on to the course but looking forward to it. This course will help me to get some voluntary work or office work, particularly as I've improved my reading and writing. I now feel comfortable about being in a group with new people." *Barbara*



L-R Barbara Langford, Gavin Muggeridge, Paul Cook, Toby Whelan

training factfile



training member - Jackie Khabbازه

title - Administrator

qualifications - HND Business Studies; TESOL

experience - Worked for Marketing Director for VW UK; ran her own Arabic translation and typesetting company with her husband for seven years; worked as a PA to the Headteacher of a failing High School - Jackie contributed significantly as the school moved from failing to a beacon school and Technical College

currently working on - Jackie is currently looking after work experience for E2E

something extra - Jackie has traveled extensively in the Middle East and lived in Syria for some time. Jackie speaks Arabic and once won a scholarship to attend Trinity College London to study the Cello!

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