

# 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

## What's Up2 been up to?

A brilliant start this in Sussex this Summer has placed one of our new projects, UP2 in a good position as it moves into its second phase of delivery.

"Up2 helps 16-18 yr old young people not in education employment or training develop life skills through a variety of bespoke training programmes," explains senior project worker Vanessa Potter.



ON2 learners enjoy a day out this Summer

Up2 ESOL is a roll on/ roll off training programme helping young people with ESOL needs who haven't been able to get into college, while 'Up2You' is a six week short course helping 16-19yr old NEETs through confidence building activities, life skills and career guidance. The aim is to reduce the number of NEET YP in Sussex by keeping them engaged while equipping them with the skills needed to move onto E2E, college or employment.

## Onwards & upwards for ON2

Interest is buzzing around Sussex based project ON2 with local schools and youth services coming on board with the project and engaging with the training offered.

ON2 is currently delivering mentoring, tuition, activities and skills sessions for students from Boundstone Community College, Durrington High School and St Andrews School as well as supporting young people who are currently not in education, employment or training (NEET).

"Whilst our referrals are becoming more frequent, the real challenge is engaging the young people and ensuring the project meets the unique needs of those who are most vulnerable to becoming NEET," says senior project worker, Amy Pedder.

Referrals from Davison and Worthing High Schools are expected shortly and the team are currently liaising with Educational Welfare Officers, Traveller Educational Support and Connexions to engage with more learners in need of this provision. "It's exciting times," adds Amy. "The channels for referrals are open and flowing."

## Free ESOL for 18+

Times are hard, and as the "credit crunch" takes hold, unemployment levels are increasing across the region. More and more people are coming to the realisation that due to a more competitive employment market, low basic skills levels may be hindering their employment prospects.

asphaleia training's existing Employability Skills programme including Literacy and Numeracy provision, has proven to be an ongoing success. We now hope to impact a wider cross section of the local community by delivering bespoke ESOL classes under the ESP (Employability Skills Programme) JCP funding.

JCP ESP is rolling out full time ESOL provision for unemployed adults (18+) together with a variety of workshops including interview skills, CV writing,

letter writing, job search and confidence building. This new service will help unemployed migrant adults gain the essential language and employability skills needed to find employment.

If you know of any beneficiaries, organisations or agencies who would be interested in learning more about the provision on offer, please contact us, we also hold regular open drop in information sessions at both Worthing and Littlehampton Job Centres.

### Drop in:

Worthing Job Centre every Tuesday  
10.00am-12.00pm

Littlehampton Job Centre every  
Wednesday 10.00am-12.00pm

### training news

- We would like to welcome two new staff members - Jim Kirby will be working in Sussex across projects focusing on developing work tasters & our work experience provision. Dalvi Bhamvra is a new Tutor in Uxbridge.

- With Christmas just around the corner our E2E learners are planning a Christmas event. We hope to hold a special dinner with Worthing and Northbrook Colleges at the Northbrook College restaurant for festive fun

- Good news for E2E - the Learning & Skills Council have awarded E2E an enrichment fund to be used for team building activities, sports, social events and fun days out!

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# Update from London

## Two projects in London start delivering to NEET young people in Hillingdon

asphaleia training's two London based projects are in full swing as they enter their third month of delivery after a big increase in new referrals.

YES and Time to Learn (T2L), funded by the LSC, are delivering training to NEET young people in Hillingdon.

"The type of young people coming to asphaleia has changed recently and we are seeing more under 16's with little English who are struggling in school and are vulnerable to becoming NEET, including a lot more students from the EU countries," explains project worker Jurgita Sereikaite.

"Luckily we have a new tutor starting to support the delivery of more classes and broaden the variety of subjects taught in the centre to make sure we meet every young person's unique needs," she adds.

A lot of previous students have already progressed into college and school with better speaking skills in English, greater confidence and a positive outlook. Through our information, advice and guidance provision young people get constructive support in regards to overcoming barriers such as childcare and housing.

### The number of NEET young people in Hillingdon has already been reduced by 37 in two months

According to Jurgita, the drop-in sessions, a part of projects' post-progression programme, have also been an outstanding success. Students have been coming for help with their homework, to improve their computer skills or are facing difficulties in other areas. "In this way we are helping to consolidate the improvements we have made," she concludes.



## I am much more confident now

"I came onto the Job Centre Plus project to improve my confidence, skills and grades. I feel like I have learnt a lot more in Maths, as I never did Maths at school. I feel I can talk to people better, easier and can listen to what they have to say.

It's quite good to meet new people from different places and origins and to see how we have similarities and differences and approach people with more consideration. Everyone gets on and is friendly and there is no nervousness going into the JCP group. I want to do a Carpentry course when I leave - which I now feel I'm on the way to doing."

Paul Cook (R)



## training factfile



training member - Ant Ryan

title - Project Worker

qualifications - Post Graduate Diploma in Art & Design Teaching and a BA in Fine Art

experience - worked for eight years at Dell as a line production trainer. Ant has also worked as an education officer in an Art Gallery in Ireland.

currently working on - e2e as a project worker and tutor.

something extra - Ant is a practicing artist and exhibits regularly in Ireland and the UK. Ant is also a keen Scuba Diver and has his PADI advanced in open water which he gained while studying for his certificate in Egypt, Sardinia and Cork.

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