

News from our young people

At asphaleia care, we work with some remarkable young people. Every month we see new successes being achieved, friendships forming and sparks of creativity being lit. We thought we would share some of the April highlights with you and take this opportunity to celebrate some of the young people we support.



Gardening in Kent

Our young people in Kent have started their own vegetable patch at one of our houses. So far they have planted chillies, courgettes and potatoes. There are also some tomatoes growing well too! The young people have really enjoyed planting the garden together, and are eagerly awaiting the first vegetables to sprout! The care team are particularly looking forward to seeing all the delicious and creative food the young people will start cooking.

Young person wins funding for college course

The Schwab Westheimer Trust provides financial assistance and scholarships to refugees in the UK who need funding to access further or higher education. In order to qualify for funding, applicants need to prove that enrolling on a particular course will help them gain independence and set up a livelihood in the UK.

One of our young people, Hassan* has been awarded a scholarship by the Schwab Westheimer trust. His dream is to set up his own barbering business, but in order to do so he needs to gain further qualifications to start paid work or an apprenticeship and was eager to enrol on a barbering course at a local College.

The only barrier here was the fact that the college course was not government funded and he would have to pay the full amount of tuition fees, £630, himself. As well as studying ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) full-time, he is also undertaking unpaid work experience at a local barber's shop, meaning that he would have been unable to raise enough funds to pay off his tuition fees himself.

Hassan is the third young person with asphaleia to secure funding from the Schwab Westheimer Trust. Last year, another young person received a scholarship for Northbrook College and a second received money to pay towards buying a laptop for her studies.

**Name has been changed*

Sharing art in the houses

One of our new arrivals this month, Teamer Sirak, has designed a beautiful picture, which is now on display in one of our Worthing houses.



The picture represents all the various nationalities young people in our care are currently from. Teamer has also drawn a dove which represents peace. In the top left corner, the peace is carrying a flower, which it places on England. In the top right corner, you can see the dove flying away, having left peace on England.



The artwork shows that, no matter where we are from, we are all asphaleia and we can all live in peace in our new home