

Accreditation

In this edition we highlight some of the achievements through Motiv8's Accreditation programme, not only for young people but also volunteers too. For Motiv8's young people it is an opportunity for recognition of their personal accomplishments and dedication to a structured programme. Accreditation provides young people with a firm foundation and opportunity for smoother transition into further education, training and employment.

Garden of Eden on film



Creating Eden - the team of young people, Motiv8 staff, partners and supporters

picture courtesy of The News

Building a future



In partnership with the Wheatsheaf Trust, David is completing training one day a week at the Wheatsheaf Basement in Southampton to gain skills, experience and NOCN accreditations in bricklaying including constructing a cavity wall using bricklaying skills, and health & safety awareness. David has also set himself the target to gain his CSCS card this year giving him the safety standard to gain employment in the construction industry.

Councillors, community leaders and representatives from the city's police, safer neighbourhood and community warden teams all gathered at the Omega Centre, Somerstown, on 30 November 2010, to celebrate the completion of a challenge that has seen young people transform a derelict patch of neglected land into a garden for the whole community to enjoy. Motiv8 young people were praised for their achievements in working with a team of 25 volunteers to remove five tonnes of rubbish from a buried garden at St Peter's Church, Somerstown, and transforming it into a brand new Garden of Eden. The five month project was managed by Motiv8, overseen

by national youth charity Catch 22 as part of its Community Space Challenge (CSC) programme, and captured on film by WEA. CSC National Programme Manager, David Hopkins, says "This project and its film is exactly the sort of evidence we need to show that young people make a positive difference in their communities. Successes such as these combat the negative perceptions that young people are often tarnished with."

If you would like a copy of the project story on dvd, please call 023 9283 4027 or email info@motiv8south.org.uk



Musically motivated

Joe has received an accreditation through the National Open College Network (NOCN) for Motiv8's Musical Motivation project. In November, Joe took his talent for beatboxing all the way to *Britain's Got Talent* auditions in London. He waited patiently for four hours, sharing the waiting area with singers, dancers, musicians and several dogs! His nerves were settled following cheers from fellow contestants when he practised his beatboxing. Keith accompanied him into the audition and came out with a big smile saying that Joe was brilliant. Joe will find out the result soon and even if he doesn't get through he had a fantastic day and it boosted his confidence immensely. Look out for Joe onTV!



Quayside School's Keith Baker and Motiv8's Kirsty Cremer with Joe outside the ExCel London centre prior to Joe's audition for Britain's Got Talent

Slow and steady gets results

Annie from Paulsgrove was initially referred to Motiv8 for her low school attendance as a result of persistent truanting. She was known to be verbally aggressive and had confrontations with her teachers on a regular basis. Annie was also known to be shoplifting with friends, and was arrested and given a referral order. When Motiv8 began to work with her she struggled to recognise the need for a change in her behaviour, and the potential she had as a young person with a lot to give to society and her future.

Initially, one-to-one appointments were hardly ever kept, with Annie often not turning up for weeks at a time and when she did turn up she refused to recognise the need for change. She had little confidence to join in group sessions, although she was consistently encouraged. If Annie did not show up, Motiv8 would try to find her, at home or at her boyfriend's house, to show to her that Motiv8 was committed to supporting her in making positive life changes. Slowly, Annie came to meet with Motiv8 more often and over time felt she was ready to take part in group activities with other young people from her area.

Today, Annie is engaging consistently with weekly one-to-one sessions and her school attendance has more than doubled. She now attends school every day and is part way through successfully completing her YOT order. She intends going to college to begin an Animal Care course and is an integral member of Motiv8's Community Points group, regularly working as part of a team to help clear elderly residents' gardens and community spaces.

an appeal on behalf of Portsmouth City Council

Childhood only comes once and getting it right for Portsmouth's children in care is getting it right for their future. Portsmouth City Council is continually looking for foster carers to provide caring homes. If you have a spare room and the commitment to care for a child or young person then please contact the city council. Foster carers come from a range of backgrounds: retired, working, married, single, gay, straight. Foster carers receive competitive rates, as well as mentoring, training and development, supervision and support, including out of hours.

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news in brief

A first for Motiv8 Havant

October saw the successful completion of Motiv8 Havant's first ever Challenge & Adventure programme. It was an eight week programme for a team of eight young people under the *Using Team Building Skills* accreditation. All of the young people successfully completed the project, achieved by participating in various activities such as rock climbing, kayaking, canoeing and sailing. Afterwards, group discussion and questionnaires allowed them to reflect on and evaluate their time together and discuss team building skills. This is an important part of the accreditation and helps young people develop their teamwork skills and address their emotional intelligence.



Two of the Junior South Run marshals

Helping at the Junior South Run

A breezy Saturday in late October 2010 saw several young people from Motiv8 Portsmouth Central volunteering and helping out as race marshals. Their duty was to direct runners and keep running track clear off people crossing over. Runners were split into five different waves, with the youngest starting first. Some of the young people saw this event for the first time and as a result expressed an interest in taking part in the actual Junior Run next year. The Junior South Run welcomes all young people under 16 years of age.

Accreditations for volunteers

Congratulations to volunteers Sarah Johnson and Emily White who achieved Level 2 OCN accreditation in Foundation for Youth Work and to Lauren Newell and Alison Love for achieving Level 2 OCN accreditation in Acting as an Appropriate Adult.

if you are interested in volunteering for Motiv8, please call 023 9283 4027 or email info@motiv8south.org.uk



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