

delivering in the classroom and beyond



Motiv8 Gosport and Havant go to school

The Motiv8 Steps teams deliver an accredited programme to mixed ability year 9 pupils at Brune Park Community College, Gosport, and year 9 & 10 pupils at Park Community School, Leigh Park. Together, thirty four young people access the year-long programmes which are designed to develop intrapersonal and interpersonal skills through a unique blend of outdoor

and indoor activities. Young people evidence their learning and progression by completing 7 booklets, each one tailored to a particular National Open College Network (NOCN) unit. The young people on the programme have engaged positively in this alternative learning and tested their hands at new skills such as fishing, skiing and outdoor cooking.

Good citizens means good gardens in Portsmouth



Portsmouth North's Garden Geeks shopping for their new garden — and keeping within budget too! All thanks to funding from the Prince's Trust



Garden improvement schemes in Motiv8 Portsmouth North and Portsmouth South have proved to be a great success despite the autumn bad weather. Improvements to the Omega garden were kindly resourced by Covers. With the help of Motiv8 volunteers, Nigel and Bernie, the young people constructed a new fence, tidied the area, painted and planted the raised flowerbeds. The young people involved have also used their inclusion in the project towards gaining an NOCN accreditation in active citizenship. At Paulsgrove, funding from the Prince's Trust enabled young people to start work on transforming the garden at the community centre, with young people calling themselves The Garden Geeks. They worked hard clearing the area, created their own vegetable patches and replanted the flowerbed, as well as revarnished the fence and added new benches. One Garden Geek said, "I really enjoyed doing it. I would do it again next year, hopefully in nicer weather." As well as creating a usable area for Motiv8 young people to plant and maintain, the development of the garden has enhanced and improved the appearance which makes it more inviting for young people and the community to access.

Portsmouth South's garden was generously supported by Covers: "It is great to hear that the young people involved in this are enjoying making a positive difference within their local community. Well done Motiv8!"



Martyn Beck,
Covers Depot
Manager



working to support



NEET Radio

Motiv8 Gosport has started a new Express FM project with six young people aged 16+ who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) which will lead to a recorded show with Express FM's breakfast show host, Adrian Knight. The podcast will be available on the Motiv8 website in early 2012. The young people chose the topic and content of the show, and interviewed members of the public as part of their research. This project is part of two accredited programmes for the NEET young people: Developing Personal Development Skills and Developing Sound & Audio Skills. As well as presenting the show, the young people were also involved in the editing process. The longer term aim of the project is to help young people gain employable skills to help them find work.



Sam's story

Sam came in to Motiv8 with his aunt. She said that she initiated the visit but Sam hadn't wanted to come. She explained Sam's living arrangements and education. Sam was sleeping on his aunt's sofa after being kicked out by his mum who he believed only kept him because of child benefits. His aunt couldn't guarantee long term support for Sam because of financial and family needs, and asked for advice regarding jobs, apprenticeships and colleges. Sam said that he been told it was too late to go to any college. He had been to forty different places to hand in his cv and job applications but had only one interview. Working with Motiv8 staff, receiving support and guidance helped enormously. Sam is now working at a bistro in Southsea.

People power



Usually this newsletter focuses solely on our work with young people and their achievements. This time however we would like to highlight Motiv8 achieving the Investors in People (IIP) Bronze Award and Health & Wellbeing Award. Fewer than forty organisations in the country have achieved the Bronze award. The IIP report praised Motiv8's commitment to job satisfaction: "The culture within the organisation is very consultative. This has promoted a happy workforce." John Telfer, Managing Director of IBP who compiled the report, said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Motiv8. I would like to congratulate the organisation and its people on their commitment to continuous improvement."

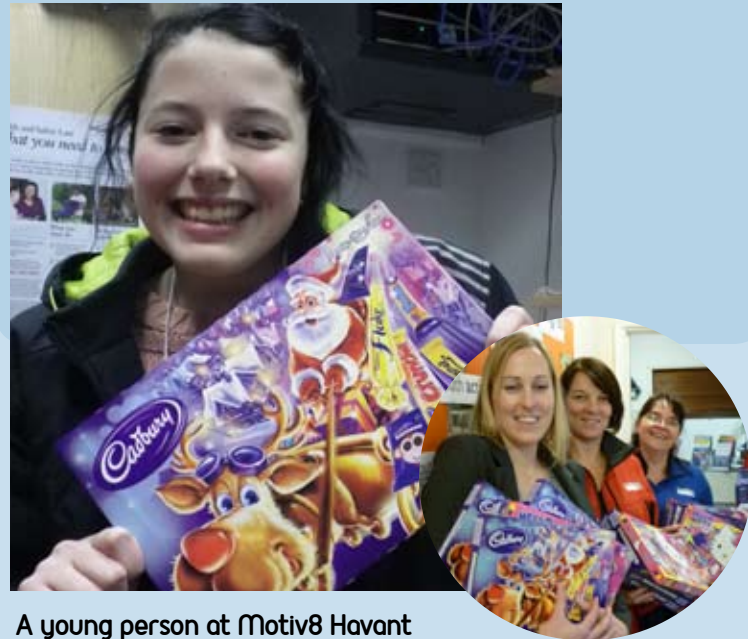
news in brief

Volunteering

Motiv8 volunteer mentoring service is up and running. Sam Aruwa and Ben Wing are the volunteer leads for Portsmouth and Hampshire respectively. In the past three months, we have graduated thirteen mentors, with another forty six volunteer mentors going through our recruitment process. Presently, mentors are being matched with young people. Jacqui is a mentor in Portsmouth and she meets her young person each week for a coffee and chat. Encouraging literacy, Jacqui and her mentee choose a book, go away and read a chapter or two and then meet up the following week and talk about the book. This is just one way in which the volunteer mentoring service helps young people. As a result of Jacqui's support, her young person's confidence has improved and she is applying to a number of colleges.

Want to make a difference? Call 023 9283 2727 to find out how you can help support young people to access better life chances. Our website has further details.

Thank you



A young person at Motiv8 Havant

enjoys a selection box, one of many kindly donated by Reed Recruitment through their Christmas Charity Collection. The boxes were distributed across our venues in Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth. We would like to say a very heartfelt thank you to Reed Recruitment (especially Nikki, inset picture, far left) for organising the collection and to the many firms that contributed. The phrase 'makes a difference' is often used but here we can say that the treats really do help to make a difference.

NOTE for reasons of confidentiality, young people's names have been changed



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