

young person chooses wildlife over wild life

Following a major change in his life, Paul has been offered an internship at Swanwick Lakes, run by Hampshire Wildlife Trust.

Paul has been working with Motiv8 Outdoors through the Quayside Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) since September 2009. He was originally referred to the PRU having been on an Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO). He was faced with the choice of moving from his north Hampshire hometown into foster care or entering the Criminal Justice system.

Paul engages with Motiv8 Outdoors as part of his schooling, to work towards gaining a range of accreditations. On a recent visit to Swanwick Lakes, Paul impressed the Hampshire Wildlife Trust staff with his extensive knowledge and

enthusiasm for local wildlife and so staff offered him an all expenses paid internship to run alongside his college courses.

Paul has also achieved his NICAS level 1 climbing award and has shown great prowess in his athletic ability. He is a fantastic team leader within his group of classmates and is often found encouraging engagement amongst the group.

The outdoor programme has helped Paul to settle down at the education unit and he has plans to continue his education with a move to college next year. Paul's offending behaviour has dramatically reduced and he has not been in trouble with the police since moving to the area.



A startled faun at Swanwick Lakes - picture courtesy of John Windust



DJs on the decks - making music and having fun

musical motivation

One young person, Peter, put in a Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) bid application and gained £1,080 to set up a music project, Musical Motivation.

Peter was supported by Motiv8 in applying for the YOF bid. He has accessed Motiv8 support for over a year, and is currently completing his GCSE exams. He has a work placement with Connaught one day a week, and has been accepted at Fareham College.

Peter held meetings with local DJ Small Paul and hired him to help out with the music project. Ten young people were involved,

all with a keen interest in music. The project started in April, running for eight weeks. Sessions included making tunes from scratch, how to be a good mc, deck effects, beat matching and scratching. Professional beat boxer, Yasson, delivered a workshop.

Three weeks were spent at Genesis Music Studio in Locks Heath, where the young people recorded their own compositions. They have been very involved in the way the project has been run from the start and their enthusiasm has shone through. Seven of the young people have been entered for NOCN DJ Skills.

Partnership working pays



Mike is the first young person at Motiv8 Portsea to successfully achieve his Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card. He has been working with Motiv8 support workers in partnership with the Wheatsheaf Trust. The CSCS card provides proof of competence, covering many different skills, thus enabling Mike to obtain work in the construction industry.



Young people at Motiv8 North End decided it was time to get the garden ready for summer. All the young people devoted their time and boundless energy into clearing away rubbish, weeding the borders, pruning shrubs and then painting the fences. Beautiful wooden planters made by young people in partnership with the Wheatsheaf Trust were loaded with flowers, fruit and garden herbs which have already shot up into a marvellous bounty. The young people followed this up with an idea to contribute to the community by repainting a beach hut at Southsea. Seafront Management technicians provided equipment, paint and brushes as well as a health & safety briefing. Through helping others, young people achieve accreditations for NOCN Team Work Skills and Motiv8 certificates for contributing to their community.



Young people in the Leigh Park area have a strong passion for football with up to 25 young people attending the weekly sessions. Motiv8 focuses this passion into gaining recognised qualifications, the most successful being *Taking Part in Sport*. This accreditation requires an understanding of the

physical benefits of taking part in a sporting activity as well as knowledge of a specific game. Nine young people have achieved the award, with several more waiting to complete in the coming months. An award ceremony was held to celebrate their achievements.



Motiv8 works with people of all ages through the **Community Space Challenge**: young people, local residents and elderly members of the community help to transform neglected and forgotten spaces and turn them into community gardens for the benefit of all.

Young people from the Heart of Portsmouth assisted the Youth Service in brightening up the Buckland Play Centre grounds which included gardening and painting. One of the young people taking part has continued volunteering at the centre in his spare time.

Three young people alongside two elderly residents planted the new flower bed and allotment area at Paulsgrove Community Centre following the ground preparation by Wates Construction and twelve local NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people.



Young people at Motiv8 Somerstown in Portsmouth are recording their intergenerational project. Working in partnership with Catch 22 the Motiv8 young people will produce and edit a documentary film of their work on the garden of St Peter's Church, Somers Road, Portsmouth. A digger was used to make the site safe and the fire service will secure the shed before work starts.



The TUNEZ music project has gone from strength to strength since having a permanent base at the Motiv8 Portsea office. Now well into its second accreditation run of 2010, young people use the latest in music and composition software, mixing with other young people and beginning to discover new depths of personal confidence they may never have known they possessed before taking part.

news in brief



The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr Paula Riches, gave her seal of approval for Motiv8's work in Paulsgrove alongside Wates Group who provided a team of workers to clear and construct a garden in the grounds of Paulsgrove Community Centre.



Working in partnership, volunteer recruitment days, such as this one held in June in the Guildhall Square, encourage people to consider working in the voluntary sector. See www.motiv8south.org.uk if you are thinking of volunteering.



Many young people were very happy to receive Easter eggs thanks to the kind generosity of the Fareham/Portsmouth Charity Easter Egg Mountain organised by Reed Employment, Fareham.



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