



## CREATING POSITIVE FUTURES

# JEDI Newsletter

### Welcome from Project Manager

The last two months have flown by. It has been so exciting to see so many young people involved in the project. We now have groups running in all the 5 boroughs.

It has been brilliant to see our young people moving on to EET, including apprenticeships, work experience, volunteering, Further Education, E2E programmes and full-time employment. The progression of our young people from the programme was always an important element of this project and we feel very encouraged by the outcomes so far.

*Karen Amas*

### Project Round-Up

#### *Richmond*

Richmond is continuing their brilliant work with their new group and hopefully this group will move on to some great opportunities at the end of June.

#### *Kingston*

Kingston are about to start their second group. All of the young people from the first group have moved out of NEET which is fantastic.

#### *Sutton*

The project has been very popular in Sutton and we have had enough referrals to run several groups. Thanks once again to Katie Seal and Carol Broomfield for all their help and support.

Sutton and District Training have already finished with their first group and will start shortly with their second.

#### *Merton*

We have now finalised our week long programme during the Smart Centres year 11 leavers week at the end of June. A huge thank you to Liz Kelly and Candice McCausland for all their help and support with putting this week together.

#### *Bromley*

We are very pleased to have started our first 2 groups in Bromley. There are so many organisations within Bromley that are involved and it looks like there will be some very exciting sessions and activities, including a residential and perhaps a sailing trip.

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## Events

We are excited to announce that during week August 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> we will be running a Young Enterprise programme in Sutton culminating in a celebration event which you are all invited to attend.

Young people from across the whole programme can take part in the course which will include a general introduction on how to establish a viable business including design, marketing and budgeting. This opportunity is open to young people that have already been through the programme and those that haven't.

If you have young people that are interested please do let us know.

'The JEDI project has been a worthwhile experience for all involved. All of the young people who have been on the project have said how beneficial it has been and feel so much more confident and prepared in their progression into employment, education or training. Stephen Smith has been a welcome presence in the offices and has put in a lot of valuable work with the young people, he has worked very hard and produced some great results. The JEDI project has been a real addition to Sutton and most importantly, a fantastic opportunity for all our young people involved so THANK YOU'

*Katie Seal - Connexions Personal Advisor*



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## Workshops

### Music Production Workshops

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> May we had our first music production workshop. The young people were so engaged that they didn't even want to go out for their break!

Starting at beginner level, learners were able to create their own song using a variety of pre installed string, loops and beats.

The involvement of learners and trainer resulted in an afternoon of fun & creativity and was a huge hit with learners as many declared that it had surpassed

all expectations by the ease at which they were able to confidently master the software.

All individuals that attended the workshop were given a copy of their song as a record of their achievement.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Kane, our volunteer who has been running the workshops. We hope to run this session regularly across all the Boroughs, so please do let us know if you would like us to come and deliver this workshop with your young people.

### Mock Interview Workshops

One of our highlights of the month has been the outstanding results of our mock interviews. We have encouraged a number of young people to apply for a variety of posts, following the full system of completing applications, sending letters and C.V's, receiving telephone interviews and going before a panel.

The young people were all extremely nervous, but they have all said it was an invaluable experience. They have all been given a DVD of their interview to watch and use to build on their techniques.

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*Lucas Baptist, Joshua McNally, Stephen Smith and Harriet Abram, some of our completers in Sutton.*



*Our trainers getting into their workshops.*

## Health and Safety Workshops

This month we have begun running the British Safety Councils Health and Safety in the workplace (Entry Level) workshops. This qualification will look great on the young peoples C.V's and at the same time has been loads of fun.



*Malcolm Cogan, Mike Ayadele Oni and Kirsty Edwards during our Mock Interview Day.*



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*Our Sutton group enjoying the first Music Production Workshop.*