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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!....



Welcome to our final edition for 2021. In this December issue we're sharing some more inspirational stories. We have news about a young man that has been supported into work through Kickstart, following help from the Springboard programme. We've also got a great story about a former refugee who has been helped through Building Better Opportunities (BBO) to set-up his own barber shop.

Plus, we've got details about our office closure for the festive season and we're sharing information about two roles we are recruiting for.

CHARLIE (22) SHARES HIS STORY INTO WORK THROUGH SPRINGBOARD AND KICKSTART....

"I originally came to Goodwin as a learner on the Springboard's 'DO IT' project with Goodwin Development Trust. My key Worker was Thom Sheppard and that's where my journey begins.

I was fresh out of university with a Sociology Degree but I had no direction. That was the main support I needed. This lack of direction led to doubting myself on every turn, this all changed at Goodwin.

On the programme I got involved with a few different activities. These included the game design sessions and the job club. They all helped me to show my current skills-set but also identified where I needed to improve. The biggest help for me was the weekly one-to-one session. We had chats about shared interests but also there was a big focus on work, such as CV writing and preparing for myself for working life.

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IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RECEIVED SUCH ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT....

"Thom was the one who highlighted the Kickstart position that was available with Goodwin on the This-Ability project. He, along with other staff on the programme, supported me with the whole process of applying for the role. They helped me prepare my CV and even set-up a mock interview for me. This was probably the first time I had ever experienced this level of individual support; it heightened my confidence to levels it had never reached before.

After going through the application process and the interview experience, I got a call the next day saying that I had got the job. I was both shocked but extremely proud. I immediately called Thom and told him the news; shouts of celebration echoed from his end of the phone.

I started the Kickstart role as a Youth Opportunities Facilitator on the This-Ability project with Goodwin back in May. I have loved every moment of it and I have now been successful in gaining a contract of employment with them.



THIS ROLE HAS MADE ME REALISE HOW MUCH I WANT TO HELP OTHERS....

In terms of the future for me, my only goal is to continue working with people and to support them through their own personal journey. I cannot thank Thom and all the team enough for all the help they've given me!"



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BBO HELP YOUNG MAN IMPROVE HIS ENGLISH SKILLS TO LAUNCH HIS OWN BUSINESS....

Chefoor is a refugee from Iraq, he has entry Level 2 ESOL but has no work experience in the UK.

He joined the BBO project with Goodwin Development Trust, seeking support to improve his English, as he wanted to find employment to train as a barber.

He attended the weekly English sessions at Goodwin, and later started to train as a barber once he saw his confidence grow. He then started to look for work as a barber but because of lock down, this was proving very challenging. So, following advice and guidance from the BBO team, he decided to open his own barber shop with his friend, on Goodwin Parade, on Walker Street in Hull.



He's been up and running a few months now and is loving running his own business!

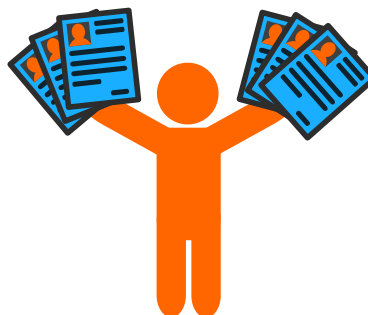


He's already looking at providing some work experience opportunities, to give back to his local community and to help others. We wish him all the best with his new venture!

WE'RE RECRUITING!...

Would you like to come and join the HLC team? We are looking for two very-well organised and efficient administrators.

For further details about each role please follow this [LINK](#).



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BBO'S FESTIVE RECYCLING CHALLENGE....

Key-worker Jo Dando explains...

Normally at this time of year the BBO programme would be holding a Christmas partner network meeting. However, this year it was held via Zoom. We still wanted to incorporate the festive season, so we sent out an invite with a challenge attached - to have festive surroundings and to make festive items from recycled items. We wanted to embrace the idea of sustainability at a time of year when so many people often struggle. Here are some examples we received from our partners:



There were so many brilliant entries and it was so difficult to decide the winner. So all the entries were sent to Katie Freeman, Communications and Evaluations Officer at HLC, who's part of the Sustainability working group. This was her response to all the creations:

"Wow, these entries are amazing! Some great ideas and a real mix. My favourite is Activfirst because it really celebrates the benefits of recycling and illustrates how something so beneficial can be made from crisp packets. The Christmas blankets for the homeless hit so many sustainable 'ticks'. Team work, well-being, recycling, re-purposing and giving back to those who are disadvantaged over this cold winter."

Activfirst - created a blanket for homeless people made from empty crisp packets. The blanket acts as a waterproof insulator for their sleeping bags keeping them and their possessions dry. A lot of time and effort went into creating the blanket. Well done to the team at Activfirst!

