



VOLUNTEER IT YOURSELF

YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING CONSTRUCTION TRADE SKILLS WHILST HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

September has been a very busy first full month of delivery for VIY post lockdown.

We're now fully up-and-running across all of our programmes, operating at all times in line with safe Covid-related working practices.

Over the month we have completed/commenced nine of the 150+ projects we plan to deliver in the next 12 months across the country. These nine projects have involved and benefitted almost 100 young learners - with, to date, 37% achieving an Entry Level 3 City & Guilds accreditation and 20% successfully progressing to a further training or employment opportunity beyond VIY.

GLA and VIY

RENOVATING AND REFURBISHING COMMUNITY ARTS VENUES



THEATRE PECKHAM

Building a new box-office and reception area



CHATS PALACE ARTS CENTRE, HACKNEY

Refurbishing the main theatre space and dressing room and improving access and facilities for performers with disabilities



R-URBAN POPLAR, STRATFORD

Converting five disused garages into new workshop space



MAY PROJECT GARDENS, MORDEN

Building an outdoor classroom and performance space for use by multiple local community groups

VIY'S TRACK RECORD TO DATE



590
PROJECTS



11,576
YOUNG LEARNERS



4,502
ENTRY LEVEL CITY &
GUILDS QUALIFICATIONS



1,703
TRADE MENTORS



1,677
EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION
OR TRAINING
PROGRESSIONS

The Amber Foundation: We love being involved with @VIYproject - their projects help our young people in so many ways - new skills, qualifications & more - all while improving community spaces! Everyone wins!

R-Urban: The @VIYproject team has been working at our Poplar site to transform five garages into new workshop space! Absolute pleasure to see the amazing work of VIY mentors and young people involved and so great to see the site coming back to life after months of lockdown.

May Project Gardens: Another great days work in the garden with @VIYproject using completely natural building materials and getting our young people @cityandguilds qualifications. It's fun, active and for the community!

RFU, NatWest and VIY



IMPROVING FACILITIES AT GRASSROOTS RUGBY CLUBS

Delivering three projects in partnership with England Rugby, NatWest and Sport England: Croydon RFC, Market Harborough RFC, and Torquay RFC. Work at the three clubs included refurbishing clubhouse and changing room facilities, improving outdoor provision for families and spectators, and improving disability access.

A short film covering the VIY project at Croydon RFC, and featuring former England players Dylan Hartley, James Haskell and Maggie Alphonsi, can be viewed here:



Jackie Coles, Chair, Torquay Rugby Club:

Thank you to all the team at VIY in helping to improve our clubhouse. We are so delighted with all the work you've undertaken. Having the new ramp to the front door now enables our members with mobility issues to more easily access the clubhouse and also the new toilet facilities.

It was also wonderful that local young people had the chance to gain work experience on the project with VIY - you can be sure that we will be inviting them all to remain involved at the club in the future!

And probably most importantly, thank you for sending the wonderful Imran and your other mentors - Imran was such an easy guy to work with, with great expertise, and he was amazing with all the different youngsters that worked on the project.

We are so proud of our club, and you at VIY have helped us to make it even better.

Lucy Ware, Croydon Rugby Club:

VIY took on board our ideas for improving our club and transformed them into reality. The investment made by VIY and their partners also helps grassroots clubs like ours to attract new members and build support within the community.



Youth Concern and VIY

MERRYVILLE HOUSE, AYLESBURY



Converting an empty townhouse into a new nine-bed supported accommodation unit for young people at risk of homelessness, in partnership with Youth Concern and Buckinghamshire County Council and also with the particular support of Dulux, timber merchant Lawsons, GAP Hire Solutions and Heart of Bucks Community Foundation.



GAP Hire Solutions: Working with @VIYproject and @youthconcern, we provided tools to the team working on Merryville House where they have been converting a townhouse to accommodate young people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. #thenextstep #trustinGAP

Adam Clarke, Dulux staff volunteer at Merryville House: A great project. Brilliant building too. I love the idea of involving and teaching vocational skills to people who will also benefit from the new accommodation created once the work is done.

Sport England and VIY

ALL STARS BOXING GYM, SHEPHERD'S BUSH



Refurbishing all parts of the building and including the creation of a new community cafe space to help diversify the club's income. Supported by Sport England, Chelsea FC Foundation, Dulux, Travis Perkins and GAP Hire Solutions. The first of 200+ VIY projects co-funded by Sport England over the next three years.



Muf Akay, Manager, All Stars Boxing Gym: "VIY has been a life saver for All Stars. The work the young people and their mentors have carried out has breathed new life into the gym, refurbishing tired and scruffy areas and extending our kitchen to create a bright, attractive, usable space suitable for a community cafe which will go a long way to helping the club become sustainable.



CONTACT US

If you're interested in finding out more about how you can support or get involved in VIY or one of our many projects. please get in touch:



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NEW HIRES

Bianca Corriette
Project Manager

Paul Fleming
Logistics Manager

Sue Johnson
Internal Quality Assurer

Matthew Gaunt
Non-Executive Director

Builder and broadcaster
Andy Stevens has also joined
the team as our first formal
VIY Ambassador.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

All of these projects have also been delivered with the brilliant backing of national VIY supporters Dulux, Travis Perkins and Sport England, as well as local project partners such as The Amber Foundation, The Bridge AP Academy, Chelsea FC Foundation, GAP Hire Solutions, Heart of Bucks, Lawsons and YMCA.

