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YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING CONSTRUCTION TRADE SKILLS WHILST HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2020 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

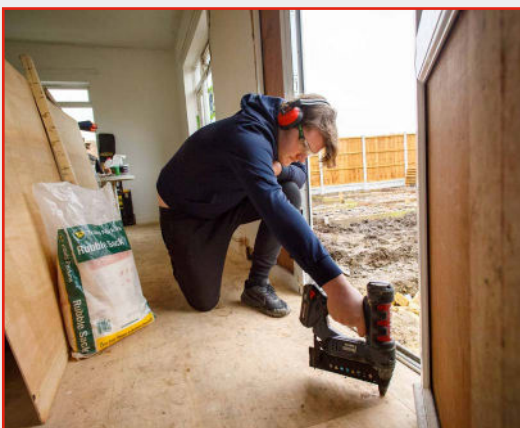
VIY remains on track to deliver 100+ community building improvement projects over April 2020-March 2021, involving and benefitting 1,000+ young people and 150+ trade skills mentors.

Nine new VIY projects have been completed in November: three with community and activity centres in partnership with Sport England, three with schools as part of our work with The Careers & Enterprise Company, and one with the GLA (Greater London Authority) and The Bridge Pupil Referral Unit in west London. In the process, we've worked with and supported more than 50 young people (aged 14-24) who are either not in employment, education or training (NEET) or at risk of becoming NEET.

Sport England and VIY



Refurbishing and improving grassroots sports facilities and other 'active spaces and places' in local communities



SOCIABILITY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CENTRE, PITSEA, ESSEX

Creating a new physical activity centre for people with long-term health conditions or disabilities, or suffering from social isolation, including fitting a new kitchen and accessible toilet, building a new porch and entrance, and decorating throughout. Four young learners referred by Catch22 all gained a City & Guilds skills accreditation on the project.

VIY'S TRACK RECORD TO DATE



606 PROJECTS



11,769 YOUNG LEARNERS



4,529 ENTRY LEVEL CITY & GUILDS QUALIFICATIONS



1,093 TRADE MENTORS



1,681 EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRESSIONS

PARTICIPANT CASE STUDY



Jessica, 18, first volunteered with VIY in 2018 to help refurbish the Catch22 Centre in Southend, Essex. Two years later, Jessica was referred by Catch22 to get involved in another local VIY project at the Sociability activity Centre in Pitsea. "VIY has been good for me because I've gained work experience on different jobs and achieved two City & Guild trade skills qualifications which I can now use to help with finding work in the future. Also, the VIY mentors have been really accommodating and have lots of knowledge to share, and make the work environment safe and friendly."

Sport England and VIY



Two quotes from young volunteers at Longsight Youth Centre:

Mohammed: "Without VIY, I wouldn't have met Paul, my mentor - he's taught me new painting and decorating skills."

Ibraheem: "It's been great experience on top of what I'm doing at college, and I've been able to learn new skills on a real job in way I can't at college."

LONGSIGHT YOUTH CENTRE, MANCHESTER

Ongoing work to renovate and repurpose a disused hall to create a new community hub, café and four new washrooms/toilets, working with young people from Manchester Young Lives and Manchester College.



FRIAR PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE, WALSALL

Creating a new sensory room within the centre for children with special educational needs to be physically active.



@SPORT_ENGLAND: 4,000 young people will gain new trade and employment skills through our three year partnership with @VIYproject which combines volunteering and DIY. #IVD2020 #togetherwecan #somethingconstructive

Careers & Enterprise Co. & VIY



Delivering skills workshops and build projects with secondary schools to develop young people's employability - three carpentry projects in November with Chamberlayne School in Southampton, Catshill Middle School in Bromsgrove, near Birmingham, and Kilton Thorpe Academy, a special educational needs school in Tees Valley.



Travis Perkins Group: This year TP branches nationwide have supported

more than 20 projects (and counting!) with VIY teaching valuable trade skills to young people on the job. We've donated products and materials to help transform and refurbish local youth and community facilities including youth centres, theatres and sports clubs in need of essential repairs. Being VIY's only national partner for general building materials, makes this a real passion project of ours, and we plan to continue to inspire, mentor and support VIY-ers across the UK through the rest of 2020 and beyond.

James, Kilton Thorpe Academy: "I enjoyed the day loads and had a great group to work with. I learnt lots of new things like how to measure wood at an angle and how to use a drill properly. I had a great day making the bench. It's definitely the sort of thing I want to go into when I'm older."

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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Thanks also to our local project partners in November: Catch22, GAP Hire Solutions, Howarth Timber, Manchester College, Manchester Young Lives



NEW MENTOR PROFILE



Paul Surrige, 38, from Liverpool, has 15 years experience as a painter and decorator and recently mentored with VIY on two projects at Portico Vine Rugby League Club in St Helens and Longsight Youth Centre in Manchester. "Working with young people has always been something I wanted to do, but due to my usual work commitments this has previously not been possible. However, after seeing the VIY mentor role advertised with the chance to help on projects in my area, I was on board straight away. I found both projects very rewarding on a personal level because of the positive attitude and reaction of all the young people involved. I also really enjoyed taking the trainees through the process of preparation and application of paint, and working alongside them on projects of real community value."