



VOLUNTEER IT YOURSELF

YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING CONSTRUCTION TRADE SKILLS WHILST HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY

APRIL 2021 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

VIY is set to have its busiest year to date with at least 130 local community projects already planned for the April 2021-March 2022 financial year period and more than 2,000 young people set to participate. We are also anticipating a record number of VIY learners successfully achieving an Entry Level 3 City & Guilds trade skills qualification (60% of all participants), as well as a record number of participants progressing beyond VIY into further/higher-level training or an apprenticeship or other employment opportunity (25% of all participants). See below for a great progression example from April.

INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PURSUE PATHWAYS INTO CONSTRUCTION

Kian Thompson, a Year 11 student at a SEN (Special Education Needs) school in Rotherham, has successfully progressed to a higher-level construction skills course at Rotherham College off the back of taking part in two VIY projects at his school. "My work experience on VIY really got me interested in carpentry and joinery and gave me some entry level skills, as well as information about possible careers in construction. It helped me to decide what to do after leaving school and gave me a goal. So I have now signed up at Rotherham College to start a Level 1 course in joinery and construction skills."

Kian's teacher at Abbey School in Rotherham, James Shaw, adds: "The VIY projects we've run at the school through the Careers & Enterprise Company's Mentoring Fund have been valuable and inspiring for our students, raising career aspirations as well as awareness of the construction sector as accessible and rewarding."



Kian Thompson's story is a great example of how taking part in VIY can inspire young people to progress into higher level further training opportunities and pursue pathways into construction

VIY'S TRACK
RECORD TO DATE



632
PROJECTS



12,130
YOUNG LEARNERS



4,589 ENTRY
LEVEL CITY & GUILDS
QUALIFICATIONS



1,113
TRADE MENTORS



1,700
EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION OR TRAINING
PROGRESSIONS

@City&GuildsGroup:
Such a great initiative and a
perfect springboard for skills
bridge into trade skills for
young people #skillsbridges

Sport England and VIY



Three new projects were started in April in partnership with Sport England, all focused on local community sports clubs and facilities in need of urgent refurbishment and improvements works. Each project was also strongly supported by Travis Perkins, Dulux and GAP Hire Solutions through the donation of tools and materials and the provision of specialist equipment.



Sport England:
 Amazing latest update from @VIYproject with young people #volunteering to renovate a gym and gaining skills and qualifications for the future #somethingconstruiective #PowerofYouth



All Stars Boxing Gym:
 Massive thanks to @VIYproject for coming back to build us a fantastic new reception desk and stock display unit. Big thanks too for all of the materials donated by @TravisPerkinsCo Queens Park and to all the volunteers who took part #teamwork

FAREHAM HEATHENS RUGBY CLUB, HAMPSHIRE:

To help increase the club's capacity to accommodate more members, work included converting an under-used physio room into new changing facilities, upgrading the toilets and creating new kit storage space. Most of the young volunteers came from The Key Education Centre, a local Pupil Referral Unit that supports young people disengaged or excluded from mainstream education, as well as from junior members at the club itself.

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FIVES & HERONIANS CRICKET CLUB, CHIGWELL, ESSEX:

Running for three weeks, this project involved refurbishing the clubhouse, including the washrooms/toilets, to make it more appealing to junior players, especially girls. The work was undertaken by young people referred via The Amber Foundation and New City College and included installing a new ceiling and new flooring, creating new storage and seating, and redecoration throughout.

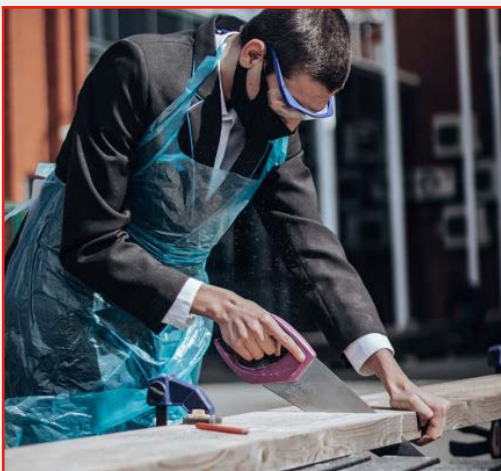


Fives & Heronians CC:
Thanks to @VIYproject for their excellent work on this exciting project. Looking forward to seeing the finished product very soon as a great start to our 50th anniversary year! #fivesatfifty



VIY:
Many thanks to @GAPGroupHire for helping out our project at Fives & Heronians CC with a ceiling panel lifter!

Careers & Enterprise Co. & VIY



Delivering workshops and projects with schools to develop young people's employability skills and their awareness of the construction sector as an accessible and rewarding job pathway - with much of the activity aimed at students deemed at high risk of becoming NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) on finishing school.

Three projects in April with schools in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and West Yorkshire, including two SEN (Special Educational Needs) schools.



@MoatCollege:
Great to see students building wooden planters and benches to help improve outdoor space at the school whilst also building their own vocational employability skills in carpentry and joinery.

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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Our projects over the past month have been delivered with the brilliant backing of our major national partners: The Careers & Enterprise Company, City & Guilds, Dulux, The Postcode Innovation Trust, Sport England, Travis Perkins and Youth Futures Foundation.



Thanks also to our local project partners in April: The Amber Foundation, GAP Hire Solutions, The Key Education Centre and New City College.



NEW MENTOR PROFILE



David Owen, 59, has mentored on a number of VIY projects with schools across the West Midlands, having originally responded to a call-out for new mentors on the 'Indeed' online job listings site. David has had a long career in engineering and pattern-making and was drawn to the idea of helping young people learn practical 'hands-on' skills whilst working on projects to improve local community places and spaces that matter. "I found it extremely rewarding to pass on my skills to young people who were very enthusiastic about the projects they wanted to undertake and willing to learn on the job. To see the sense of achievement on their faces was brilliant and I only hope that this experience will motivate them to consider construction and engineering as rewarding career paths."

NEW HIRES

VIY is recruiting for the following roles:

- Communications Manager
- Data & Impact Manager
- Mentors Manager
- Multiple regional Lead Skills Mentors

To find out more, please contact Ed Sellwood at ed@teamviy.com