



VOLUNTEER IT YOURSELF

YOUNG PEOPLE LEARNING CONSTRUCTION TRADE SKILLS WHILST HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2021 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

We're motoring our way through the rest of 2021, fueling our own team to help us fire up our impact and our project map across the country. Since Q3, we've welcomed a new senior leader as our Head of Programmes, as well as team members to look after our data and insights, progressions, mentors and communications, not to mention our growing Kickstart cohort. A variety of funding opportunities is vital for us to be able to scale up and deliver what we do for more young people and more communities, so we're always really grateful when new opportunities come our way or continue with existing partners and stakeholders. Lots more on this in the months to come...

Here come the Kickstarters!



Introducing our second team of Kickstarters following our Q3 update here and 4 more of our Junior Skills Mentors; Ashley & Lewis, based in London, George up in Leeds & Tye, our latest recruit in Birmingham. They're all helping down on the ground, sharing their latest skills in the trade and working with other young people across lots of our projects to inspire confidence in themselves and great hands-on experience in construction.

We were also thrilled with the feedback from the Travis Perkins Kickstart team, who are our Gateway employer for the scheme:

"Following our first audit of VIY, we're thrilled with the quality and aptitude shown by the Kickstarters who've joined VIY. In fact, we can't fault them for their progress and the programme the team has put in place. A 5* team" Harry Langham, Kickstart Team at Travis Perkins



VIY'S TRACK
RECORD TO DATE



671
PROJECTS



12,610
YOUNG LEARNERS



4,920
ENTRY LEVEL CITY &
GUILDS QUALIFICATIONS



1,132
TRADE MENTORS



1,726
EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION OR TRAINING
PROGRESSIONS

Hunslet Warriors RFC



Up in our Leeds territory, we've modernised Hunslet Warriors Rugby Club, in partnership with the Rugby League World Cup.

They've created a new female-only shower and changing room from a disused men's bathroom, a new physio room, and a new match day kitchen to help the club become more financially sustainable, as well as redecorating the changing rooms and entrance of the club to give it a more modern look. And what a team effort it's been - 60 young people volunteered, in partnership with the National Careers Service, and a staggering 123 City & Guilds accreditations have been achieved! Our Lead Mentor on the project Saj was full of glowing feedback for our young volunteers who helped us complete this transformation.

Big thanks to Branch Manager, Craig, at Travis Perkins Leeds Coal Road and Tina, Yorkshire Sales Manager, for a huge hand with the materials, along with Dulux for their paint too.

TRADE MENTOR



Matloob Hashmi recently completed his first VIY project as a trade mentor with us at Hunslet Warriors Rugby Club. Matloob has now been a self-employed tradesperson for 14 years. "My first project was kind of an eye opener. On my first day I was really nervous because I had never worked with young people. After a few days I was thinking all of them years ago, I was like these kids, learning from someone to improve my skills. My favourite part was at the end of the day I would ask the kids if they enjoyed themselves and learnt anything that day, and with a big smile they would say "YES".



Young Londoners Fund

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We delivered our second project day with our current cohorts of students on the Young Londoners Fund Programme at three Pupil Referral Units (PRU) in London. This month, 16 students helped build benches & planters for their outside areas, as well as refreshing their common room with brilliant paintwork.

We've also been working with the Royal Docks Learning & Activity Centre to improve and create different elements for the local community too. 11 young people took part in the project, some from a local PRU and more from the Amber Foundation; 7 gained their City & Guilds Entry Level 3 in Carpentry (the other 4 have already achieved this!)

Anna Smee, Youth Futures Foundation: "Huge thank you to Imran for coming to talk to everyone at @YF_Foundation about the fantastic work @VIYproject are doing to support young people."



Teacher in London visiting a Young Londoners Fund site: "Today I had the pleasure of being on the Westdean site and seeing how enthusiastic the students were painting the walls. There is a real buzz of proudness around and the walls look amazing."

Birmingham City Boxing Club



Home to current Olympic Champion Galal Yafai, this boxing club's had 11 young people from 2 local schools and 1 young boxer from the club itself complete works redecorating a disused room, funding a new floor and window for it to be utilised as a female exercise space. We also converted a shower into a new kitchenette to be used as a comfortable parent/guardian waiting room. We hope the young boxers and their Olympic heroes enjoy the space!

Thanks to Dulux & Travis Perkins for supporting with materials for these projects.





Down in Kent

We've also kicked off our first ever project in youth American Football & Cheerleading at Kent Phoenix Club in Maidstone. As well as building new storage, redecorating & installing new toilets/ kitchen, young people from Kent Youth Justice & West Kent College have also been joined by Peter Walsh from South London Partnerships & the Mayor's Construction Academy, who delivered employability and work readiness training to our learners. We're increasingly focusing on getting our young people ready for work in this way, alongside building their trade skills.



Kent Phoenix, Facebook
"Thanks for your help on this project, we can't wait to see it when it's done and to be able to bring a previously closed pavillion back into use"



Kent Sport, Twitter "This is great and so pleased we could hook you and @KentPhoenixAFC up to deliver such a great facility in Shepway, Maidstone"



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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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