

the loft

Life skills & Knowledge

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Nail Extensions



Childcare



Substance Awareness



Self Esteem



Sexual Health



Self Defence



- a new 'education otherwise' provision that will provide an holistic approach to meet the needs of the young people attending , to ensure their needs are met and enable them to reach their full potential and ensure their sustainability on the project. This exciting, innovative project will provide an opportunity for young people to develop their self esteem, confidence and build a sense of sense of achievement whilst gaining nationally recognised qualifications.

This will be achieved by teaching young people to create nail extensions and nail art. Develop skills in child care, confidence and self esteem building, drug and alcohol awareness, sexual health, parenting and self defence in a safe and stimulating environment as well as gain recognition for developing their transferable skills.

The concept of forming a project of this kind started in 2004 after many years of working with young people in Bedfordshire. It became apparent that many young people were totally disengaged and disillusioned with education through exclusion, lack of provision, personal choice and offending behaviour; this then led to social exclusion.



will provide an alternative, vocational curriculum that will enable young people who were achieving no qualifications in mainstream school to achieve qualifications and provide a flexible rolling programme that will cater for young people who have offended or are receiving support from the local authority through children's services. This will ensure that they will gain recognition and accreditation for the work they achieve.

The rolling programme will also give accreditation opportunities to young people who are unable to cope with the pressures of mainstream education due to SEN. The nature of the rolling programme will enable young people on part time timetables to achieve a vocational qualification where they may not in mainstream education.

The staff running the project collectively has over 45 years of experience working with challenging young people in a number of different settings. They have gained this through working for Social Care in a number of counties, fostering, and outreach support, residential, youth offending, nursing. Beauty therapy knowledge has been gained through running a successful Nail Extension business. All staff on the project has qualifications in their specialist areas as well as being Team Teach and First Aid trained.



will not only be an educational provision but also a diversionary project for offenders and those at risk of offending.



is preventative, engaging with young people who are considered to be in a high risk category, diverting them away from anti social behaviour, offending and truancy.

Courses Offered



will offer nationally recognised qualifications in several subject areas

AQA'S in all course areas

Entry Level

Level 1 & Level 2

Health & Safety

First Aid

Our aims

The overall aims of the project are based on 'Every Child Matters' and will strive to ensure that the Young People attending the project will;



Stay Safe

will provide a safe environment for Young People to learn in. We will teach Young People various life and vocational skills. Including nail extensions and nail art, childcare and parenting, confidence and self-esteem building, drug and alcohol awareness, sexual health, and self defense. The Young People will be safe as they are engaged in constructive use of their time whilst on the project. The Loft will provide all the relevant equipment that the Young People will need.



Enjoy and Achieve

will provide an environment where the Young People can achieve qualifications whilst engaging in an activity that they enjoy, as well as gaining transferable skills.

Be Healthy

Another aspect of the programme will include physical exercise in the form of self-defense which will help to promote how vital being healthy is. We will also cover sexual health and drug and alcohol awareness.



Make a Positive Contribution

will be a diversionary project that will deter Young People from offending, anti-social behavior and truancy. The Young People will be encouraged to develop positive relationships with other Young People and staff on the project.



Achieve Economic Well-Being

will provide a sound basis for Young People to move into further education or employment and will ensure that the Young People are ready for this through experience and qualifications.



Courses Offered

will offer nationally recognized qualifications in several subject areas and are accredited centres of approval.

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