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LEARNING HUBS®
Young People Learning From Each Other

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WELCOME

It's been another busy term full of new and exciting projects. We started off by introducing yet another Learning Hub and another S4A Coders club; this time in Slatyford! So far, we have introduced 4 children and 3 volunteers to the Learning Hub and a further 3 children to the Code Club. We hope that both of these sessions can continue to grow in 2019!

On the note of Clubs, we have also introduced STEM Tuesdays to our Carnegie Learning Hub. We have a S4A Coders club (4:30 – 5:30) and a STEM Club (5:30 – 6:30). At these sessions we allow the children to explore and experiment with the materials, getting stuck in with a range of activities to learn more about STEM.

We also introduced afterschool care for children attending our Carnegie and Wingrove Learning Hubs directly after school from schools close by. This service includes staff members picking up children from their school and bringing them to the Hub where they can have a nutritious snack and some time to take part in activities and relax, followed by a Learning Hub!

We have also been working hard on our Learning Bus and it is almost ready to hit the road! Read more about it on page 6.



This term, we were sad to see our former Volunteer Manager Emily Wastell leave Success4All after 6 years of hard work and dedication, building our charity into what it is today. We wish her all the best in her new job at Teesside University.



Our team photo with the new Learning Bus!
Photograph by Mike Smith

LEARNING HUBS

We now have 7 Learning Hubs running with access to 13 sessions every week. This year we currently have **225** children and young people registered to our Learning Hubs. The young people have visited a total of 1,303 times over this term, at an average of 130.3 visits per week. This term **17** one-to-one 6-week tutoring blocks have been completed!

This term, 61 brand new volunteers have come on board, making **143** volunteers in total. They have supported the tutees on 839 visits with an average of 83.9 visits per week this term alone.

Our Learning Hubs

Each term at our Learning Hubs we reward the children and volunteers with Tutor and Tutee of the Term awards. Here are this term's winners:

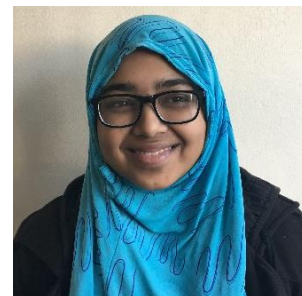
Elswick

Tutors – 27

Tutees – 34

Khadija (Tutee) – 'I've been reading and spelling and listening. I listened to my teacher and been good. I feel happy and surprised because I got the award.'

Ayesha (Tutor) – 'I didn't think I was going to get the award. I think it's because I've been able to adapt to what I have to teach because I have experience in multiple subjects. I like to talk to people and have a conversation with them to get to know them. My role isn't just a tutor, it's a tutor befriender so it's important for me to build a relationship with my tutees.'



Olivia (Tutor) – 'I look forward to coming to the sessions, it's really rewarding. It's nice to come every week and see the same children because you can build a bond with them and you know what level they're at so you know how to help them best. Becoming a tutor/befriender and not just a tutor was appealing to me because its less formal and its more friendly.'



'Luke has been really committed to attending the 'Kids can Cook' session as well as the Learning Hub. Every week he is extremely excited and enthusiastic to get started.'

Luke (Tutee) – Do you enjoy 'Kids can Cook'? - 'Yes, because we get to try new food. We made Cheesecake today which I'm excited to eat! The Cheesecake has been the best thing we've cooked so far. I'm going to eat all of mine!'



Throckley

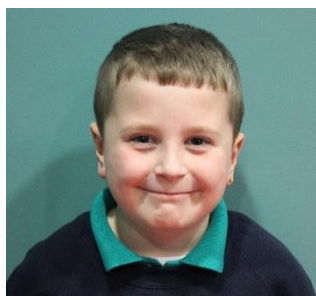
Tutors – 16

Tutees – 21

Slatyford

Tutors – 3

Tutees – 4



Rob (Tutor) – 'Me and Luke work together every week. I listen to him because I know he likes watching YouTube videos at home so we watch some here on maths which is a good way to learn and keep him interested.'

Luke (Tutee) – I feel happy that I'm getting my award for being good at maths, coming every week and trying my best. I think it's because I've been adding stuff like in the question we've just done. Sometimes the questions are a little bit hard and sometimes a little bit easy. We're still working on it and getting better. – Rob has been really nice to me.'

Our Learning Hubs

Maria (Tutee) – ‘I feel good because I’m getting a good reward because Stella (Learning Hub Coordinator) has been so proud of me, of my progress. I’m going to keep trying to do my maths to improve because I find that hard. Thank you to Stella for nominating me for the award, that’s makes me feel good, emotional and happy.’

Sami (Tutor) - ‘I’m very grateful for this award. I think I am able to keep the tutees on task and focused on the work ensuring it’s complete. At the start of the session we see what we have to get done and prioritise homework before extra work making a visual plan we can stick to.’



Wingrove

Tutors – 15

Tutees – 38



Westgate

Tutors – 20

Tutees – 24

Nicole (Tutor) - ‘I really enjoy volunteering with the tutees at Success4All because I feel appreciated by them. It makes me feel good when I can see that I’m helping them to make progress within their work. I’ve been volunteering at Success4All for over a year now and will definitely continue to do so until the end of my university studies.’

Aliyah (Tutee) – ‘I got the award because I am working good in Maths and Science and English. I am confident, independent and a good listener. I have been told I am doing well so I am more confident now.’

Tahmid (Tutee) – ‘Because I’ve done a lot of work like maths. I’ve done the lines straighter now than before. My presentation has improved. I’m going to improve to make my handwriting and drawing neater and tidier.’

Sophie (Tutor) - ‘I just really enjoy being here. I get to have good chats with the tutees to build a rapport with them. This has been a nice experience. Learning at the Hub can be a long time to concentrate for the tutees so I like to do a little activity at the end to help keep then focused during the session.’



Carnegie

Tutors – 44

Tutees – 60



Meadow Well

Tutors – 6

Tutees – 13



Rebecca (Tutor) – ‘Seeing the tutees progress is what has been really successful for me. I’m very organised and try to prepare and organise before each session. In my frees at college I try to plan ahead to save 10 minutes at the start of the Hub. This gives me time to review at the end with my tutee what we have done that session to get some feedback whether they understand and are happy to move on to the next topic.’



Leon (Tutee) – ‘It’s fun, they help you with a lot of stuff. They have the perfect way of explaining to help you understand something. I know what we are going to do in school and I do it here first so I’m ahead of everyone else.’

Welcome to the Team

Emelia – Volunteer Coordinator



Studied: Sheffield University BSc Hons Psychology and Statistical Research, Newcastle University MRes/PGCE Educational Psychology and Teacher Training

What made you want to work here?

My background is in education, and I've seen how underfunded schools in the North East are. Many students aren't being given adequate learning support and are being left behind in the educational system, so I wanted to join Success4All as I strongly believe in what we do here and I want to help make a difference for children in Newcastle.

How have you found your time here so far?

It's been busy but fun! I've already been involved in lots of different activities with our volunteers and tutees, and everyone has been so enthusiastic and welcoming!

Is there anything you have been surprised by in your time so far?

I wasn't expecting how different each day would be! One day I'll be in the office, another day I'll be taking a cinema trip with our students, and the next day I'll be recruiting people at events! I love my job because of this, you never know what you'll be doing next!

Moez – 'S4A Coders' Leader

What made you want to work here? How did you start?

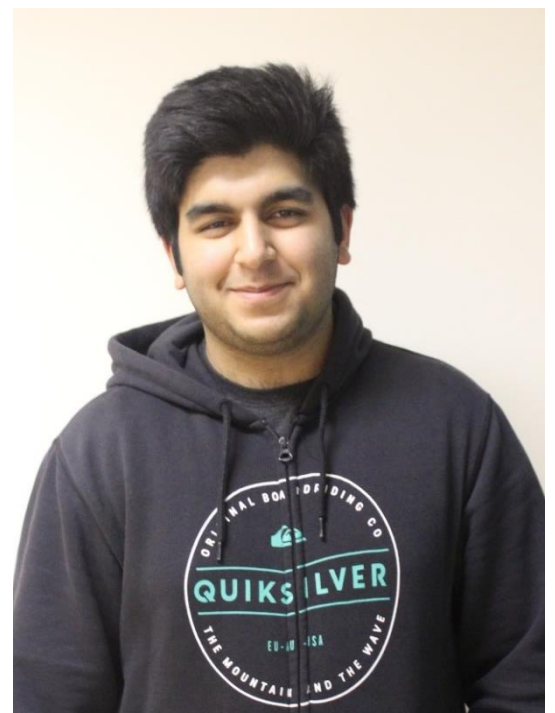
I volunteered in the Summer School so I could get some volunteering experience because it was a really good cause. When I heard about the Summer School I jumped at the chance to do my bit and help out and I really enjoyed it so I stayed for the three weeks!

During the three weeks I did get some chances to take leadership of the coding activity. I was offered the job during the Summer School nearing the end of it just because of how they saw me work.

What do you think of Success4All's Ethos?

I really like the idea of young people learning from each other. I think it's brilliant because people who might struggle in school might relate to someone a bit closer to their age.

Before going to the Summer School I didn't have the confidence or the motivation to push myself anywhere to do anything; Volunteering at Summer School helps confidence and leadership.



Clubs

WEYDA

Starting in January, we are launching a brand new project for our youth group, WEYDA. The project is funded by the Home Office's - Building a Stronger Britain Together campaign and will encourage young people to explore the good the bad and the ugly of propaganda. They will then help to encourage their peers to question, identify and challenge potential fake news too.

We will be organising a range of events during the summer to engage the local community in our project, including football matches, bake-off events and a radio show. Training will be provided in many skills that students will need during the project and there will be the opportunity to receive additional recognition for their hard work. This project will also include a trip to London!

Based on everything we will have learnt, we will be developing a toolkit to help educate and empower other young people identify and evaluate fake news they may encounter and become positive voices in their local area too.

Please do get in touch if you are interested in hearing more about this project or get involved.



S4A Coders

We now have 9 children registered to S4A Coders and 6 regular attendees!

Lego Robots – Carnegie

Kids at S4A Coders Carnegie have been letting their own ideas take form with Lego robots! Making entirely new projects or changing previous ones.

Scratch projects – Slatyford

Kids at S4A Coders Slatyford have been making their own original games from scratch in Scratch! They're excited to move onto coding in Python once they're done!



STEM Club

We have a STEM Club which takes place each week on a Tuesday. This term we have had 6 children registered and 4 regular attenders.



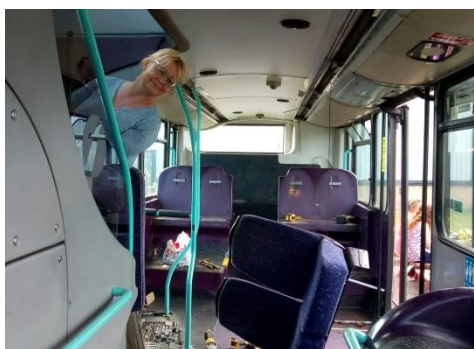
We have been investigating all sorts from finding the DNA of a strawberry and building wave machines to work out complicated concepts in physics, to testing materials for astronaut suits to protect them from UV. At STEM club, we get hands-on with experiments, trying out our ideas and finding solutions to big questions.

The Learning Bus

Over the past few months we have been working on a huge and exciting new project. The conversion of our London Double Decker Bus to a Learning Bus is underway and almost ready to hit the road!

This is an amazing opportunity for us to support more children and young people in communities we currently struggle to reach. It means that we are able to make a wider impact with our STEM and Coding Clubs as well as our Learning Hubs in more areas of the North East. We aim to provide a fit for purpose educational environment for children and young people across the whole of the North East for the next 10 years.

From painting the walls to fitting our café units, a dedicated team have continued to pull out all the stops to create a mobile masterpiece.



We are overwhelmed by the efforts of everyone who has supported us and contributed to this whether that was through donation, in-kind support, volunteering and much more.

Take a look at our crowdfunding video here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjvtFq4SWuA>

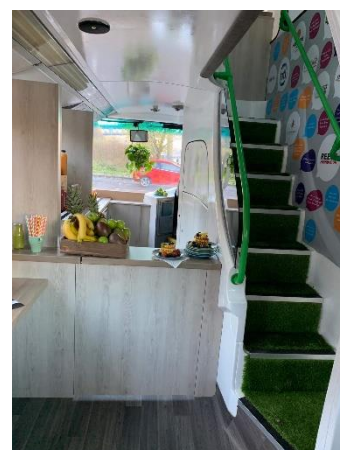
A large chunk of the conversion work has now been completed and the bus is starting to come together. We can't wait to see our activities and sessions running with everyone on board!

There is still a few bits and pieces to finish off before we start using the bus – categorising it with the DVLA, installing the water tank, Wi-Fi and power supply, as well as new LED lights and TV screen. But hopefully it will be operational in the new year... Watch this space.



Our Learning Bus community launch day is coming soon.

Keeps your eyes peeled for social media updates!



Success Stories

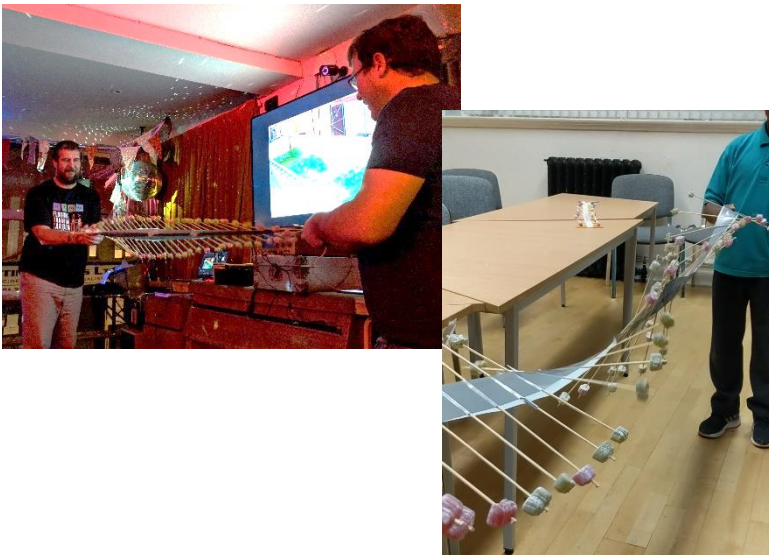
Michael

Michael volunteers at the Carnegie Learning Hub once a week. Here is his Success Story:

'I received an offer for an interview at Hull York Medical School – My favourite / dream Uni.'

'I applied and listed Success4All on my personal statement. There were over 1200 applicants, 600 were invited to interviews and 400 offers were made. I still have to achieve AAA in my Biology, Chemistry and History A-Levels to get in after / if an offer is made.'

Good Luck Michael on your interview, we hope it goes well!



David and Joshua

In STEM Club we made a wave machine out of jelly babies and sticks. It was then used in a talk to explain how light can act as a particle and also a wave in quantum mechanics!

'It wobbles upwards, and then it wobbles downwards. We made a little one first and it was terrible and didn't work but our big one did!' – Joshua

'It was a good experiment because people took it and they liked it and they wanted to test it'. - David

Jodie

Jodie has been invited to an interview at one of the largest Law firms in the North. Here's are some of her success's:

'I am a student ambassador, secretary and founding committee member for the Women Breaking Barriers network and I also established the society within Northumbria University in order to build a support network to develop professional skills.'

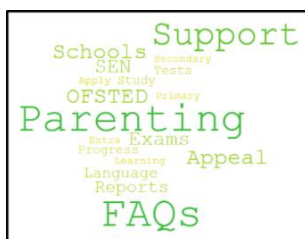
'I have developed many skills from volunteering at Success4All including being able to contribute to the community and communicate effectively. I think it has also developed my confidence. I am learning new things every time as it is a learning process for me too and develops my literacy and Maths skills.'



In the Community

Blogs

All of the amazing Events, Success Stories, FAQ's, Updates... can be found on the Blog page on our website. We like to keep you updated on what Success4All is up to so you can get involved too!



We will be continuing our FAQ series for Parents on our blog. If there are any topics you would like covered, please get in touch and let us know!

Website: www.s4a.org.uk/blog/

GeNErosity Festival Unsung Heroes

The people in the North East are known as some of the most generous people in the UK. As part of a brand new GeNErosity festival, two people from Success4All were nominated and won in their respective categories as an unsung GeNErosity hero – winning Success4All £1000 each in the process!

Naziya Barkat won Diverse GeNErosity Hero and Olivia Keenan won Young GeNErosity Hero.

A huge thank you to Naziya and Olivia for being amazing champions of Success4All!

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UNICEF

On the 7th December, a group of our young people worked with UNICEF and Newcastle City Council to highlight what changes young people think should be made to make Newcastle a Child Friendly City.

We looked at three of the chosen badges Health and Wellbeing, Equality and diversity, Safe and secure to cover where we can make the significant changes to benefit the lives of children and young people. We later had the opportunity to visit the pitch of at St. James stadium, which the group loved.



Easy Fundraising

Don't forget that you can help raise money for Success4All by using easy fundraising when you are online shopping at no cost to you!

Simply go to this site and follow the instructions to get started!



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/success4all/>

Perfect for all those online Boxing Day sales!!

Coming Soon!

Become a member of the WEYDA Group and learn how to spot Propaganda in the Media!

Read page 5 for more information.



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